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The Drag's the thing!

According to Shakespeare in Hamlet, "The play's the thing in which to catch the conscience of the King." Well, that was probably true in Shakespeare's time, but for modern saltwater fishermen, it's the drag with which we can best secure the fish! I remember no such a thing as a drag-fitted reel among the arsenal of fishing tackle that my father and I used when I was a boy. I remember thick leather pads attached to the crossbar of a reel so that an angler could apply thumb pressure without burning several layers of skin off his thumb when a big fish decided to swim to the next county; but I remember no drag mechanisms.

Some folks may choose to disagree and well they may, since modern smooth drags add to the pleasure of a good fish fight, but I found something warm and delightful in the challenge of those old reels. An educated thumb was the ticket to technique. It was somewhere in the 1950s, and in those days, there weren't too many outsized weakfish around. Well, one spring evening, the tide was right for some old-fashioned weakfishing. The weather left a great deal to be desired, but we were not to be discouraged. We knew nothing of plastic shrimp and tube lures, of course, so our plan of attack was to fish squid strips at anchor with a liberal use of chum.

It took quite awhile to pound our way out into the middle of Peconic Bay and almost as much trouble to set the anchor in the heaving water. Nonetheless, once we started the chum slick we began to take fish. Large "dinner plate" sized porgies were the first takers, but then suddenly there was a savage strike and the fisherman was into a good-sized weakfish. The reel was a simple one; there was no drag and the handles spun backward when the line was pulled out. The fisherman carefully used the thumb to control the fish applying pressure to the sides of the spool of the conventional reel. The hooks that we used were small and thus the fish was likely to be lip-hooked. In short, extreme caution was called for. It was remarkable how the fishermen in the nearby boat reacted. They were on their feet before the battle was a minute old: they appreciated what was transpiring. The angler not only had to contend with a big lip-hooked tiderunner without a drag on his reel, but he had to time the heave of the sea, the rushes of the fish, and the application of thumb pressure. The angler succeeded, and a magnificent tiderunner graced the floorboards of the boat. The other anglers cheered.

Much the same thing happens today. The drag mechanisms of modern quality reels are not intended to make up for lack of skill; rather, they are intended to enhance it. Modern fishermen are very sophisticated about drag mechanisms and many know the engineering principles behind their design. Thus, thumb pressure is not a relic of the dim primeval past: it is very much with us, but in a different context. Years ago, the thumb was the only thing that stood between a controlled fish fight and a free-running fish. Today, the thumb is an accessory that permits a fisherman to add a subtle and effective dimension to his skills and his catch success.

As light tackle becomes more and more popular so, too, do the legions of fishermen who combine an educated thumb with a well-engineered drag. The light tackle fanatic checks the drag pressure on the reel constantly, as do many anglers using many types of tackle. These anglers try to keep maximum pressure on the fish, but are anxious not to exceed the pound test of the line they are using. This ratio of pressure to line test comes to a test when a good fish runs off suddenly. Even with the finest reels, there is an instant of delay between the start of the fish's run and the movement of the spool. The laws of physics demand that this be so and no matter how great the quality of the product, it cannot be overcome completely. Physics says: "Objects in motion tend to stay in motion, while objects at rest tend to stay at rest." For this reason, it may be advisable to pre-set a drag pressure that is a little on the light side. Most veteran fishermen will tell us that we should not change the drag setting once we are into a fish. They admit that there are times when this rule must be broken, but they point out that these instances are not very common. Additional control, they suggest, can be had by the use of the thumb or hand pressure. For conventional reels, this means pressing against the sides of the spool with your finger tips or pressure your thumb down on the moving spool filled with line. The "thumbs down" method is not the one that is most often advised by veteran anglers, since there is a tendency to apply too much pressure too quickly.

Spinning reels can fit right into this approach if we extend our index finger on the hand that grips the rod and apply gentle pressure to the rim of the spool. Some fishermen suggest that it is easier and more efficient to "cup" the spool with an entire hand when a big fish puts a spinning reel to the test. When the fish is a cow bass or a rampaging alligator bluefish, these methods are suggested by most of those who have found themselves with the

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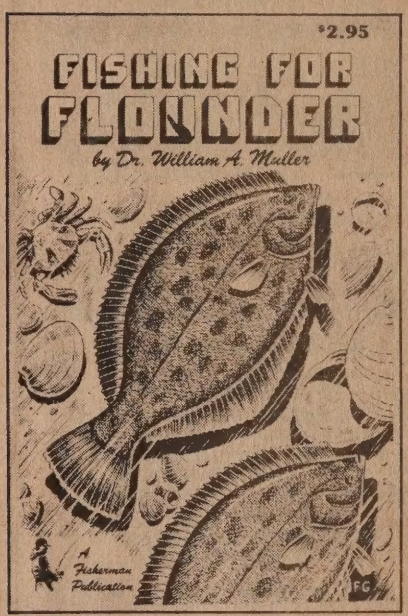

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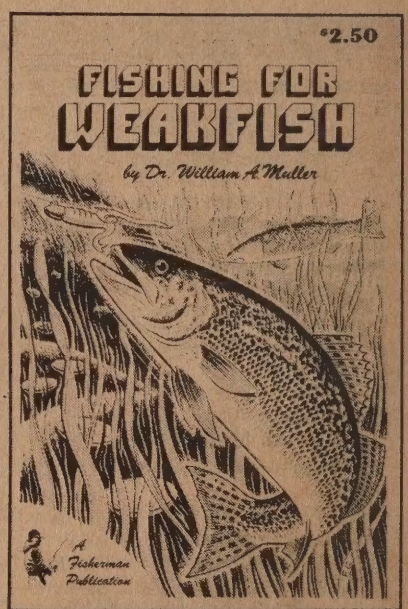

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Commercial fisheries landings at selected major New England ports were higher in the first four months of 1978 than during the same period in 1977, according to preliminary statistics released by the National Marine Fisheries Service today.

According to William G. Gordon, Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, preliminary landings statistics at the eight major New England ports for the first four months of 1978 were 108 million pounds valued at $35 million, compared with 98 million pounds valued at $29 million in 1977. This represents an overall increase of 10% in volume and 21% in value. This increase is largely the result of increases in landings of cod and haddock.

1978 FISHING CLINIC SCHEDULE

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9/9—Striped Bass Fishing.

CANADIAN WATERS CLOSED TO U. S. FISHING VESSELS

Regional Director, William Gordon, today reported that the Government of Canada has announced that as of 12 Noon local time on June 4, 1978, no United States fishing vessels will be allowed to conduct fishing operations in Canadian waters.

This action has come about as a result of the Canadian Government's decision not to continue the interim fisheries agreement which was implemented in 1977 jointly by United States and Canada.

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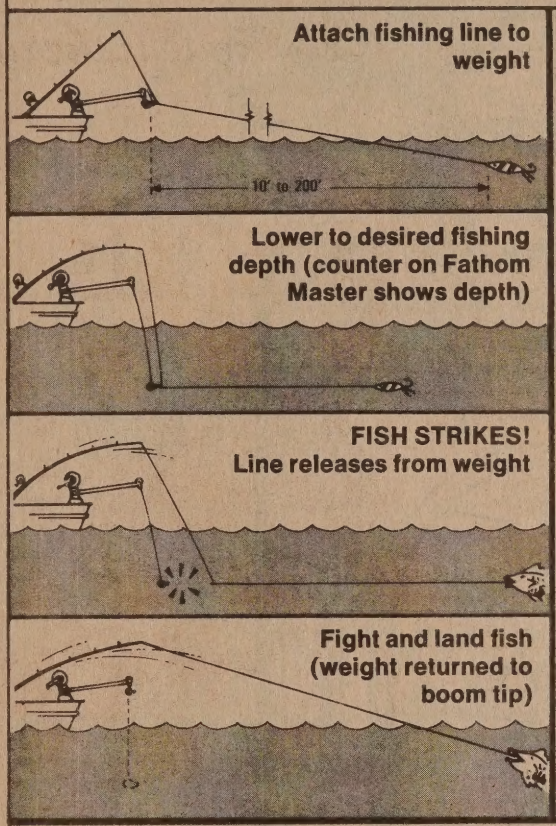
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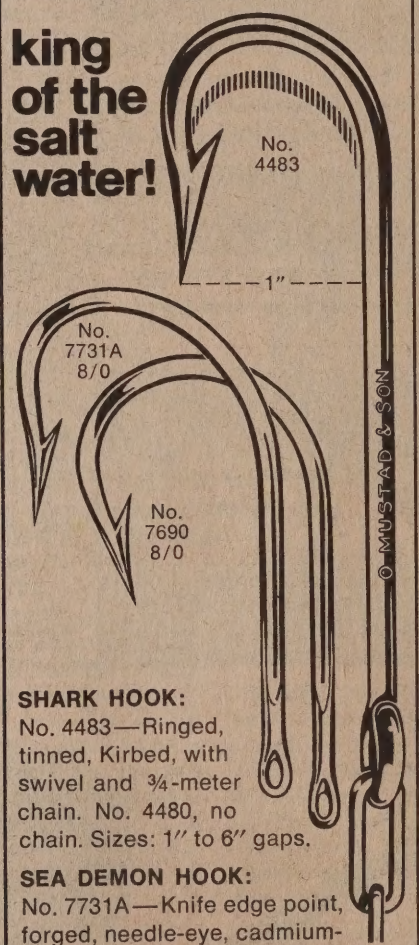

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Earnest competitions are already reported to be under way among the Japanese fishery and trading firms vying for larger shares of the U.S. and Canadian East Coast bluefin tuna, so-called "jumbo bluefin tuna," which they will airlift to Japan this summer and fall. The intense competition this year reportedly stems from the expectation that the supply of the fresh East Coast bluefin tuna this year will not surpass last year's level by a wide margin. Last year, competition among the Japanese buyers drove the ex-vessel prices to as high as $7/lb. Last year's purchase by Japanese firms, totaling about 1,000 tons for 3,300 fish worth $6 million, consisted of about 2,000 and 500 natural-grown fish, respectively, from the United States and Canada, along with about 700 corral-grown fish.

1978 Federal Regulations For Bluefin Tuna

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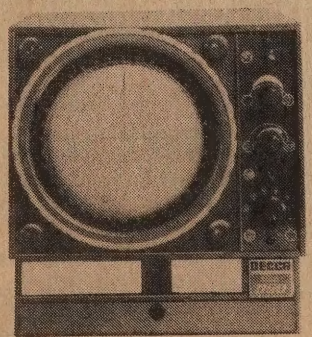

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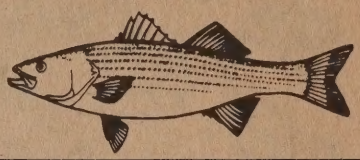
Regarding Jean Petrie's letter to Chum Lines requesting possible additional info on fishing spots around the Southampton area: one good shore fishing area is the west jetty at Shinnecock Inlet, reached via Hampton Bays. Blackfishing is often excellent here in June; sea bass, too. Fish about forty feet from the jetty end and cast into the inlet proper. China-back fiddlers are best. Five and six pounders are not uncommon here. Occasional stripers and weaks, too—but these fall to the sharpies most times. This area is not a consistent producer, but it is worth the effort, for when you connect, a bonanza is apt to result. **Matt Ahern.**

LIKES DYED CLAMS AND FLOUNDER POUNDERS

Thought the staff of LIF might like to know their articles are not written in vain. This being my first year boating on Long Island Sound, had had my expectations at an all-time low. I've found, however, that pounding the bottom (tuna can method) and dyeing those skimmers orange (both as shown in LIF) have delivered 155 lbs. of flounder (all between 1-2 lbs.) in two outings. Not much maybe, but all the other boats in the area were picking slowly, while we were kept quite busy. My partner, John Morley, and I would like to say Bravo, LIF, and keep up the good work! Now if only someone could tell me how to get that fishy smell off our cooler and clothes. Again—thanks. **Neal Biener, Yonkers.**



CLUB NEWS

NOR'WEST FISHING CLUB CASTING CONTEST

The Nor'west Fishing Club had their Casting Contest for this year. The winners were as follows: 1st Place: Chip Albion; 2nd Place: Ray Sherry, and 3rd Place: Tom Sherry.

We are also looking for new members. All interested, please get in touch with Bill Lomnicki, 516-731-3740, or Joe Rodgers, 212-359-9215.

HIGH & DRY FC ANNUAL WEAK RESULTS

The High & Dry Fishing Club held its annual weakfish contest on Shelter Island this past Memorial Day weekend. The results of the contest were: 1st Place—Jack Hasselbring with a fish of 10 lbs. 3 oz.; Dave Mulvey took Second with a weak of 9 lbs. 15 oz., and Club President Dan Hoffman captured Third with a fish of 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Honorary mention went to Chris Caragher for her fish of 9 lbs. 1 oz. Chris is not a club member.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB'S MARLIN & TUNA TOURNY

A 6/0 Senator Reel will be the prize in a drawing of all boats entered before July 5 in the Babylon Tuna Club's Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tournament. $3,000 in prizes, trophies and awards will be given out for tuna, marlin, swordfish, albacore, bonito and dolphin.

The Invitational Tournament will be held July 29 and 30, at the Babylon Village Dock located at the foot of Fire Island Ave., Babylon. Entries from as far away as New Jersey, as well as local individuals and clubs will be represented. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Wood's Hole Tuna Research Program. All fish brought to

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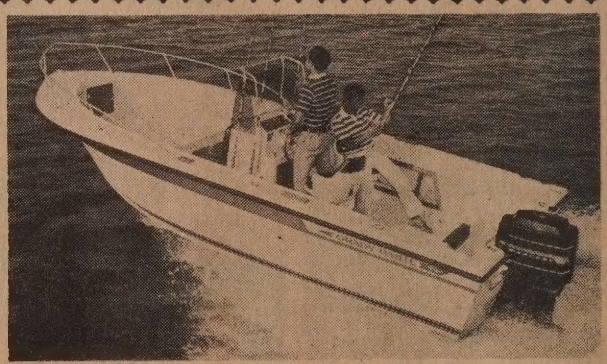

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EBA FAMILY FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT

The following awards were given for the East Bay Anglers Flounder Tournament.

Children's Division: 1st Place, Dan O'Neill, Jr.—1 lb. 2 oz.; 2nd Place, Laura House—14 oz. Women's Division: Pat Smith—2 lbs. 1 oz. Men's Division: Bill Blitz—1 lb. 14 oz.

SOUTH SHORE MARLIN & TUNA WEAKFISH CONTEST

The South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club held an intra-club weakfish contest last Sunday with 26 boats participating. The winners were as follows: 1—Greg Antolini, 9 lbs. 12 oz.; 2—Robert Antolini, 9 lbs. 9 oz.; 3—Grover Seims & Al Kaich (tied). Captains Prize—Butler Johnson, and Guest Prize—Mike Callow, 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Our Club will hold our 23rd Annual Invitational Tuna and Marlin Tournament on July 8-9 this year. The Tournament is limited to club entries only. For information and application, contact Pete Curreri, 286-0644.

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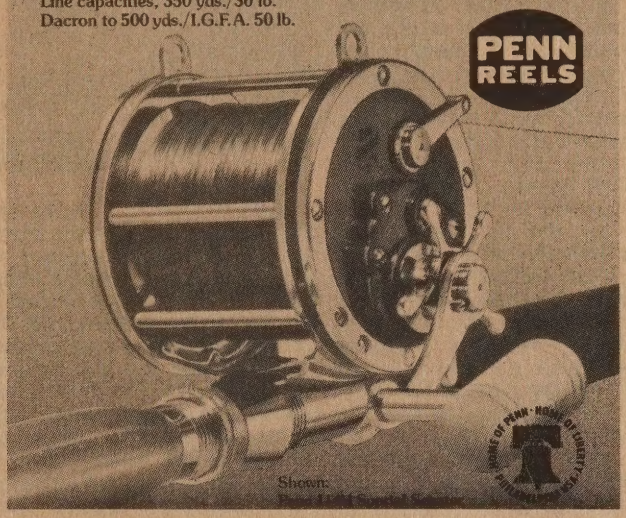

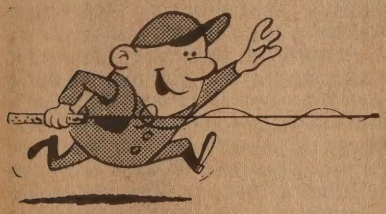

Contests & Tournaments

7th ANNUAL CHOPPER ROUNDUP

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club is holding their 7th Annual Bluefish Chopper Roundup on July 15: rain date-July 16, 1978.

For the first time, Debbs Inlet has been opened for this event with Henning's Fishing Station as an official weigh-in.

Winners will be determined from the 10 heaviest fish checked in by each competing boat. Better and bigger prizes will be awarded this year.

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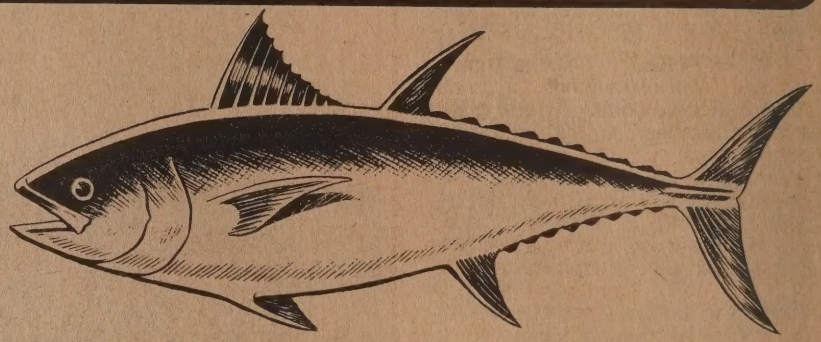

SORRY CHARLIE! Last week's column described the size, range, and migrations of the bluefin tuna. This week, we hope to get into a few more exciting aspects of this species.

CATCH STATISTICS FOR 1977. For most species we speak of yearly catches in terms of metric tons and in many, if not most, cases we ignore estimates of the number of individuals of that species that are caught simply because the numbers are so incredibly large. However, the bluefin tuna is an exception. Approximately 67,000 bluefins were taken in the western Atlantic (Canadian and U.S. waters) during 1977. Of this total, 14,020 were giants. Recreational angling accounted for only 759 of the giants. By far, the Japanese caught the largest percentage of giant tuna and their catch of 9,800 specimens has caused much concern among the Regional Fisheries Management Councils, as well as domestic fishermen—commercial and recreational alike. The new regulations for longline fishing is designed to limit the Japanese take of giant tuna to only an incidental catch. It was the anticipation of severe limitations on the Japanese catch of bluefin tuna that created great interest among fishermen up and down the coast when it appeared possible that large catches of bluefish might be shipped to the Japanese to replace the tuna. The Japanese are willing to pay a very high price for tuna because when properly stored and rapidly shipped, the tuna meat can be eaten raw—a dish that the Japanese prize as a gourmet item. Since bluefish are also an oily, strong tasting, and red meat fish, the Japanese expressed considerable interest.

BLUEFIN OR BLUEFISH? Domestic commercial fishermen would have to harvest the bluefish and then they could be sold to the Japanese. However, bluefish have not historically been netted off the beach because the toothy blues make quick work of the nets. However, U.S. fishermen began experimenting with new net material that would resist the teeth of the blues and initial attempts seemed to indicate that it might be a profitable enterprise after all. Sport fishermen became angered, fearful that overharvesting of the bluefish might significantly affect their operations. Many tourist towns on the East Coast depend upon the bluefish for a good portion of the fishing season. When bass are slow there are usually good numbers of blues willing to fish the fish boxes on charter and party boats alike. At the February meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Management Council, it was approved that the bluefish would come under the purview of the Council and that a management plan would be developed.

ABUNDANCE. These statistics suggest that the Atlantic bluefin tuna is not a very abundant species. Therefore, heavy fishing pressure can have a tremendous impact on the stocks of this species and there are strong indications that recent heavy catches have put the tuna in great danger. Furthermore, we cannot look ahead with any measure of significant hope, that a sudden large year class will swell the fishery since periodic large year classes are more typical of very abundant species that cycle through the peaks of plenty and the valleys of obscurity. That does not mean that bluefin tuna do not go through cycles of their own, because clearly they do. Commercial records suggest that the species was not plentiful around 1943 and then the stocks built up slowly to a peak in the late 1940s, only to trail off again in 1950. But abundance is a relative term. Several hundred tuna cavorting in an area, let's say New York Bight, would definitely be conspicuous. On the other hand, several hundred weakfish would likely go unnoticed. A decline in the number of tuna in that area the following season by a percentage of fifty percent would only mean that one hundred few individuals were present.

IMPORTANCE. The bluefin tuna has never been of significant economic importance for the domestic market. There are several regional markets for the species, but clearly the most important market is overseas where they are sought after in the Mediterranean, as well as Japan. However, recreational importance is something else again. Giant bluefin tuna have always been a much sought after trophy among offshore big game fishermen. Once this was an elite group and consisted of the very rich. These fishermen needed big boats and a large dose of dollars in order to pursue their sport. Today, things are very much different. Fiberglas center console fishing machines that can run offshore with speed, safety, and comfort, have opened up this fishing to men and women of average economic abilities. Even the larger Sportfishermen skippers have found that the Fiberglas hulls need less maintenance and consequently, they can spend more hours fishing offshore. Even if the captain cannot find giants to tempt to the hook, he or she can content themselves with school tuna.

HABITS. The bluefin tuna is a powerful open ocean predator that is capable of high speed chases over long distances. The habits of the school and giant versions of the species are very similar, but it is the displays of the giants that cause mouths to gape in admiration. Many of us have watched bass, blues, and weaks chasing bait at the surface and have marveled at nature's lesson in predation. Consider, if you will, what that act of predation would look like if the fish weighed several or many hundreds of pounds. The giants like to chase the mackerel schools and feed on them all summer and much of the fall in the waters from Massachusetts to Nova Scotia, where the mackerel are usually abundant. Skippers look for spraying schools of mackerel on calm days because the tuna are usually causing the behavior of the macks. At times, the giants may actually break water and come hurtling out of the water like a bluefish chasing a small bunker. When these giants hit the water, the phenomena is not unlike dropping an automobile into the water from a height of ten feet! The tuna cruise the ocean ready to respond to the sounds created by swimming fish; thus, they are responsive to commotion in the water and will zero in on it for a closer look. For this reason, skippers troll fast and noisy engines are not considered to be a disadvantage. In addition, large teasers are trolled close to the boat and once again, it is thought that the commotion established by the skipping and flopping of the teaser attracts the tuna to the bait. Indeed, many skippers report that when the tuna come up behind the boat that they first appear close to the

stern and may hit the teaser repeatedly. It is the custom among some captains to tie the teaser to a transom cleat with a strong rope. The rope is easier to bring in quickly when the tuna appears behind the boat. However, more than one captain has found that a tuna unexpectedly attacked the teaser and pulled out the cleat in its efforts to consume the teaser.

ON THE HOOK! Once a tuna is hooked, it will usually not put on any aerial displays. Commonly the giants run at top speed in their efforts to escape. Most experts agree that the key is not to let the tuna rest. When they stop or slow down, they "hit" them repeatedly in order to stimulate them to run again, and thus tire more quickly. Tuna will often dive deep and skippers usually handle this tactic by attempting to plane the fish to the surface. The torpedo shape of the tuna aids the captain in this effort, for you cannot succeed with this approach for billfish which are more straight-bodied.

TUNA RANCHING! This is an exciting possibility for the mind to ponder, since the giant bluefins have the size and temperament to create many parallels with cattle ranching in the "old west." The idea is reported to be the brainchild of S.J. Ettman, owner of the Janel Fisheries of Indian Harbor, Nova Scotia. The Japanese helped with the design of special Figure Eight nets which would serve as the tuna fisherman's equivalent of the "corral" of the Old West. The trap was set near some mackerel traps in Nova Scotia. Now, as the tuna chase the mackerel, they become caught in the tuna "corral." Once one tuna has found its way into the net complex, it decoys other individuals to follow. At first the giants will not eat and they may swim quite excitedly. However, after a short time they settle down and become very manageable. In fact, the tuna ranchers report that the tuna quickly get used to the feeding schedule and are ready and waiting for dinner when the feeding boats pull up to the traps. Actually, the tuna are not kept in these initial traps, but instead are towed in cages to the ranch where accommodations are more spacious. The tuna ranchers discovered that the tuna must be towed very slowly—only about two miles a day can be traversed. Faster towing caused the tuna to go into shock and die because of too sudden changes in the water temperature between point A and B.

FATTENED UP FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. The tuna ranchers set about the task of fattening up their fish for the late fall market. The timing of shipment to Japan is crucial since the flesh of the fish is most prized in the fall when the oil content is at a peak due to the fattening process that precedes migration to southern waters. Although initially only a small number of tuna were ranched (about fifty), Ettman plans a ten-fold expansion. The key to the ranching is the proximity of the mackerel fish traps so that the tuna ranchers can purchase an abundant and relatively inexpensive supply of food. That first year, Ettman's fifty-odd tuna consumed an average of about 1200 pounds of mackerel each day. By the end of the ranching period, the tuna had gained an average of slightly less than 200 pounds each!

HARVEST! At the time of harvest some of the tuna may weigh close to 1000 pounds and the harvest method takes advantage of the tuna's acclimation to the daily feeding ritual. When the boat approaches, the tuna come quickly to the surface. Instead of food, a large net is thrown over them and they are pulled to the surface. When the head appears at the surface, a rifleman kills the tuna with one shot near the eye. The tuna are gutted and the tail is taken off. Then they are placed in a double crate; one per box. The outside is wood with an inside liner of styrofoam. Dry ice is placed between the styrofoam and the wood. The tuna go into the styrofoam with chipped regular ice and are shipped by truck to New York. Here they are loaded onto airplanes and flown to Japan for a waiting and expensive Japanese gourmet market. The entire process of shipping takes less than forty-eight hours and so the fish arrive in a very fresh condition.

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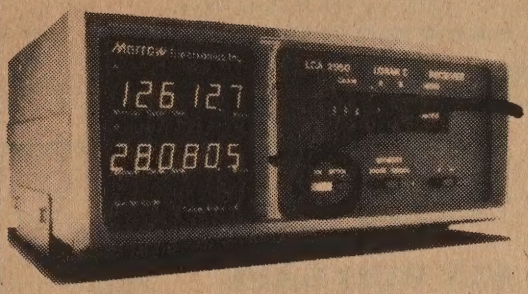

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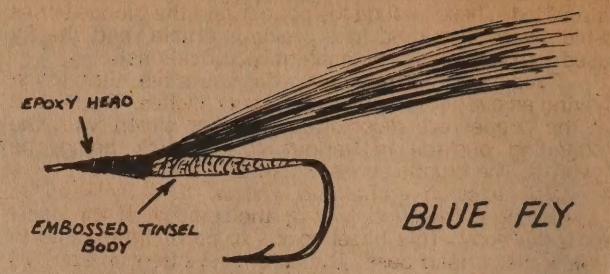
When selecting a particular fly pattern for any species, the one underlying factor that must be considered is the manner in which the fish feeds. Characteristics of good fly patterns include easy construction, durability, ease of casting, etc., but must for the moment be ignored. As we are all too well aware, the striped bass and the bluefish are at opposite ends of the spectrum in their feeding patterns. The striped bass is usually quite selective, while the bluefish usually is not. Thus, in choosing fly patterns for these species, the selectivity displayed by the striped bass will make our choice rather difficult, while the bluefish's traditional lack of selectivity will make our choice very easy. Virtually all fly fishing for bluefish can be done with two types of flies. The first is a popper which was discussed in another part of this series. The second is a very simple bucktail tied perhaps in colors which would include: white, yellow, blue over white, and yellow over white. Of these, white would be used most often, although some very successful fly casters swear by the blue over white. Of importance is that the overall length of the fly be between three-and-a-half to four inches. Bluefish seem to prefer a fly in this size range. The fly should also have some flash to it. This is best accomplished by using either embossed tinsel or mylar tubing to form the body along the shank of the hook. There are other methods of adding "flash to fly," but I don't feel that they are necessary or as successful.

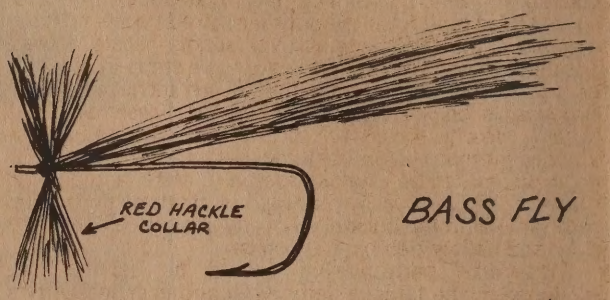
Many fly casters also feel that the fly should have some red in the head area of the fly. No doubt this is used to imitate the open gill plates of a bait fish. One of the most successful methods used incorporates the simple tying of an extra-large head built up with the tying thread. By tying in the bucktail hair towards the middle of the shank, a long tapered head can be made in a red thread. To finish the fly and build the head even more, the area is then covered with a clear quick-setting epoxy. This provides a durable and lustrous head of intense red coloring. I only wish I could give proper credit for the technique. The first time I saw it used was in a comparison of fly boxes with Mr. Lou Rossi at the Williams Club in New York. The completed fly, which I call the "Blue Fly," has been illustrated to minimize any tying problems.

In order to deal with the bluefish's voracious set of choppers, two techniques of adding leaders are commonly used. They include either a short length of sixty pound test monofilament or a short length of perhaps four inches of wire. In either case, a loop is necessary at the eye of the fly in order not to drastically effect the action of the fly. Experience will show that the wire is the best choice.

If one could be absolutely certain as to the specific bait that striped bass were feeding on when attempting to catch them, the matter of fly selection would be relatively easy. Unfortunately, this is very rarely the case as too many anglers who have been "absolutely certain" have been skunked too often. As a result, the vast majority of flies used for striped bass fishing come under the heading of what are called searching patterns. They are usually carried in a range of sizes up to approximately seven inches in length and are tied on hooks from 1/0 to 3/0. The colors most often used include: white, yellow, orange, black, yellow over white, and blue over white. Of the many possible patterns available, most anglers limit themselves to five or less, in perhaps three different sizes.

It is rare for a fly caster to carry a fly box with more than a dozen or so flies for a specific species. The problem for the angler is to develop a group of patterns that will consistently meet his needs. For our area, anglers have found success with many different flies at one time or another. However, of those most often used, five patterns





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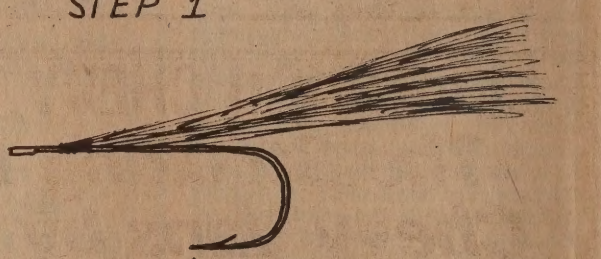

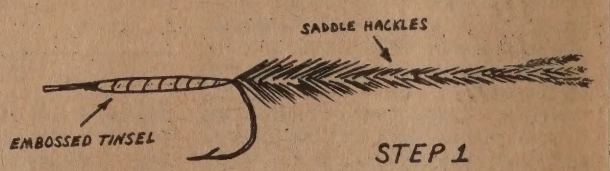

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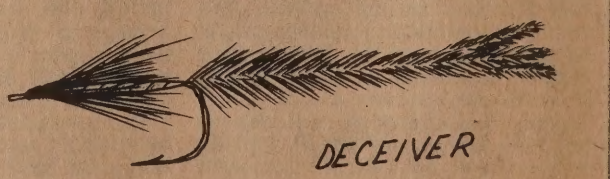

are stand-outs. Three of these patterns have already been discussed. These include the popper and the blonde series which were discussed in a previous article, and the fly used for bluefishing (with slight modifications).

Poppers are usually carried in two sizes, the largest having an overall length of about four inches. The bodies of the popper are most often white or silver, with the extending bucktail in various colors—pink being the favorite. The blonde series is usually carried in both 1/0 and 2/0 sizes in white and yellow. The fly used in bluefishing is modified only by the removal of the tinsel from the body. This tinsel seems to be of little value in fishing for striped bass. They are most often tied on 1/0 hooks in white, yellow, orange, and black.

The final two patterns are, to the best of my knowledge, the most extensively used. They are both relatively easy to construct, are durable, easy to cast, and are excellent searching patterns. Each has proven to be quite successful for anglers in our area.

The first is an old pattern which is very similar to the bluefish fly which was modified. Instead of the long tapered head built from tying thread, a red hackle collar is wrapped in the same area. A dyed saddle hackle is used for this purpose. The diagrams show the steps in creating the fly. If you are unfamiliar with the technique, Poul Jorgensen's book "Dressing Flies for Fresh and Salt Water" clearly shows the procedure. The red collar provides for more life in the head area of the fly which, at times, appears to be what is necessary. Many anglers add "flash" to the pattern by placing four strips of tinsel-type material in with the bucktail. This fly should be carried in white and yellow tied on 1/0 hooks.

The final pattern that should be carried was developed by the famous Lefty Kreh and is called Lefty's Deceiver. This fly should be tied onto 1/0 through 3/0 hook sizes. The largest tied on 3/0 will easily be seven inches in length. Many colors are now used for this fly. For our area, white and black are almost used exclusively; white seventy-five percent of the time. The fly consists of a tail made from either regular or extra-long saddle hackle (depending on size), a body of embossed silver tinsel, and a bucktail (polar bear, if available) collar. Many tyers will use as many as eight saddle hackles for the tail. The saddle hackle will have a set to it. It is important when tying the fly that this curve or set face the center of the fly. Each saddle hackle should be considered as half a unit. For each hackle facing the middle from the left side, there must be one facing the middle from the right. This gives the effect of having just one saddle hackle.

Although not in the original pattern, the fly is now very often modified by the addition of tinsel strips to the saddle hackles. Exact and detailed instructions for tying this fly can be found in Art Flick's "Master Fly-Tying Guide." It would be wise to learn how to tie this fly very carefully, as this fly is generally used as the #1 searching pattern.

As mentioned previously, there are innumerable patterns that have been used with success. I am sure that more than part of the problem lies with the nature of the striped bass. The patterns that have been suggested are time proven, durable patterns that should be fished with confidence.

In closing, let me say that there is absolutely no substitute for time spent in the water. If you are at the game, you are a spectator; if you're in the game, you're a participant. As a spectator you will never catch fish.

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with Matt Ahern

BAY PORGY FISHING

Fishing for bay porgies is not as exciting as getting offshore over wrecks and grounds where the chances of nailing one and two pounders are good. But nevertheless the smaller porgies (those between a half to three-quarters of a pound) that are found inshore each summer do afford much fun for multitudes of anglers. Where you fish for bay porgies is the key to successful angling. Sad to say, I've never had much luck with these fish in south shore bays and creeks. Those that I did succeed in catching were not only few and far between, but size often left much to be desired. Except for a spurt of activity in mid-September around Island Park and throughout the Reynold's Channel area, most of my bay porgies from these areas have been caught incidental to other fishing. For interested fishermen who reside on the west end of Long Island, I'd like to say that years ago I did much porgy fishing in Jamaica Bay, especially in the area where the Marine Parkway Bridge now crosses. A ferry ran across the bay then and it seemed the best porgy fishing was always in the ferry lane—making for some harrowing times. We really did enjoy excellent porgy fishing there in those days, and I suppose a dedicated porgy angler could still get in his licks. But for all around fishing, the best bet is to give the Peconic Bay country a try. It is here where I believe the angler's chances are best.

While it isn't necessary to use a boat to catch inshore porgies, it is a decided advantage. In fact, porgy fishing is so good in the Peconics and surrounding areas, party boats from the north and south shores having easy accessibility to these famous grounds fish these scrappers on a daily basis all summer long.

But this isn't to say shore fishermen should feel left out. Hundreds of porgies are caught each summer day from the many excellent shore fishing spots surrounding both Big and Little Peconic. To single out any specific section as "best" is a pretty difficult thing to do—and foolish to boot. Fish do move about as the whim of the moment urges, but if porgies are known to inhabit one particular spot, it is a safe bet you'll get some kind of action there.

I have had some of my best shore fishing for porgies from the northwest jetty at the Peconic entrance to Shinnecock Canal. The area across the canal used to provide an excellent spot for good fishing, but due to unsafe conditions, it is now fenced off. Because it reaches farther out into the bay than does the jetty, the temptation to fish this area is great. But play it smart, and don't. It isn't worth the risk. Besides, you will rarely have the opportunity to make more than a few casts before the Coast Guard or the Southampton Town Police boat patrol will order you off, anyway.

When fishing the northwest jetty, it is always best to get out on the end whenever possible and cast out into the bay. If you find the locks are closed, making for easy inside-the-canal fishing, you can dunk bait anywhere from the side of the jetty and along the walk to the Red House and expect to catch a few fish. South of the Red House and around the popular lock area, porgy fishing is not good. It used to be some years ago, as any Canal old-timer will tell you; but except for isolated instances in late April and mid-September, that part of the canal now produces poor porgy fishing.

The Sebonac area across the canal and to the north and east is also good, as is Cow Neck further east and across from Robin's Island. I recall having some good fishing from the Sag Harbor breakwater, but I no longer know anyone personally who now fishes there, so I hesitate to recommend it; but it used to be pretty good.

These are but a few of the spots offering shore fishermen good shots at bay porgies in the Peconic County. There are many more, of course, and a few discreet questions put to neighboring fishermen will be of help. Incidentally, all these places offer weakfish at times, and if you are lucky...

If party boat fishing doesn't appeal to you, fishing for bay porgies aboard a private craft or rental skiff is about the best way to assure yourself a mess of fish—but it is no "open sesame." True, you can go to the fish instead of waiting for them to come to you as your shore-fishing brethren must often do, but you've got to know where to fish. Haphazardly dropping an anchor may or may not pay off: usually it doesn't.

The best way to locate porgies in an unfamiliar spot is to get an up-to-date chart of the area you plan to fish. This doesn't have to be elaborate as you'll find many fishing stations offer specially prepared charts pinpointing the best fishing spots in their area. Some, in lieu of a chart, give easy-to-follow verbal directions for finding the best spots.

If you work from a chart, look for areas marked rocks, wrecks, and hard sand. Shell bottoms will often produce, but you will have little success over mud. When anchored over spots other than wrecks and rocks, it is perhaps best to get a little chum going. This can be in the form of mashed skimmer, mussel, and the like. It is important not to overdo. Should you do so, it is quite likely that you will draw unwanted fish, such as sea robins.

Drifting through these open areas will sometimes land you over a school. Should this happen, lower the anchor gently with as little fuss as possible. Porgies are spooky. This also applies when actually fishing. The quiet porgy fisherman, especially when in shallow areas, is the one who is most apt to be successful. I would advise all beginning porgy fishermen to not waste time when the fish are in a biting mood. They can and may leave for no apparent reason, no matter how hot and heavy the fishing is going. Make hay while the sun shines is certainly appropriate when porgy fishing.

Porgies are gregarious and you'll find those you catch from one school will not vary much in weight and size from each other. Luck into one pounders and few will differ in size. If you land over a school containing small bait-stealers, don't sit there in the hope larger fish will come along. This rarely happens and the best advice I can give you in this instance is to hunt up another school. Fortunately, this won't happen often unless you are fishing in September when the young of the year become quite pesty indeed.

Because you'll be fishing in fairly shallow water (fifteen to thirty feet), you can use your light spinning tackle to best advantage. This applies whether fishing from shore or boat. If your intended area is known to foster strong tidal currents, then by all means use medium-weight stuff. To be on the safe side, some fishermen use only medium-weight conventional equipment. If a choice must be made, this is best to use when boat fishing. Casting from shore with conventional tackle can mean tough going for novice fishermen.

Regardless of the type tackle used, fill a matching reel with ten pound mono. You can use lighter stuff, of course—say six pound—but there is always a possibility of picking up weakfish in the Peconics and it's good to have everything going for you. Because of this, fishermen often tie in a two or three foot leader and squid-baited hook about three feet above the sinker. Most times when weaks are caught, they are taken on this high hook; but don't count on it. One of the largest weakfish I've ever caught fell for a bit of sand worm on a small porgy hook, completely ignoring the flag of squid fluttering over its head. But if I hadn't had ten pound mono on the reel, I may never have landed it for it was indeed a monster of a tiderunner.

Bank sinkers are preferred and weights depend on the strength of the current. Rarely will anything more than four ounces be required and most times you can get by with half that weight. Again, exact weight depends on where the fishing is done. If you carry a supply of various weights, there should be no difficulty whatsoever. Incidentally, if you plan wreck fishing, don't forget to pack

extra hooks and sinkers.

The best hook for bay porgy fishing in my estimation is either the #6 regular-shanked Sproat or a #8 Virginia. This latter hook works extremely well on the quick-biting, bait-stealing porgy. The choice is yours, but if you are having difficulty setting the hook, it is to your distinct advantage to use the Virginia style.

It is best to tandem-tie two hooks and place them about two inches above the sinker. Use a one inch loop tied with a double-overhand knot for this. When trying for a possible weakfish, add that leader mentioned and bait a 3/0 Sproat with a tapered three-inch strip of squid. As noted, this should be placed about three feet above the sinker. Some fishermen lower this to thirty inches when the current is strong. They tell me it makes a world of difference, but I haven't been able to prove it to my satisfaction.

Bait is no problem, but I find inexperienced porgy fishermen fail in one important aspect when it comes to baiting up: the pieces they use are too small! I can understand the reason for doing this, of course. The porgy has a small mouth (perhaps medium-sized would be better), and many fishermen feel that small baits are more attractive. That certainly makes sense, but the only thing wrong is that it doesn't work that way. If you want small porgies and stolen bait, use those small pieces. But if you want decent-sized fish, don't hesitate to use baits about an inch-and-a-half long. The smaller fish will keep away, but the larger fish will be attracted. Just make sure any bait other than worm is thinly sliced.

One more important thing: those larger pieces of bait will make the porgy linger long enough for you to drive the hook home. That extra interval of time may only be a split second, but it is long enough to make a big difference in the total catch. And when porgy fishing, anything you can do to set the hook in these lightning-swift fish is to your benefit.

The best bait for bay porgies is sand worm, followed by sliced skimmer, bloodworm, and squid—in that order. Narrow pieces of sea robin will sometimes work, as will small spearing; but don't expect to work wonders with them. They are best used when all else fails. Stick with sand worm and skimmer for best results.

You'll find porgy fishing is great fun and you will surely sharpen your angling skill, for it takes finely-honed reflexes to consistently catch porgies. If you are lacking this skill, the opportunity to improve is out there waiting for you. Take advantage of it.

Bay porgies may not be monsters, but they can afford the fisherman much sport.

INSHORE FISHING

with Scott J. Simons

Forgotton Gamefish— SEA BASS

★PART TWO★

Sea bass are undoubtedly the forgotten game fish, for the reasons we discussed last week in Part One of this article. This week we are going to go into the "How-To" of catching sea bass: how to find them, baits to use, rigging up, and fishing techniques. First, let's look at the habits of the sea bass so that we know what the problems are in locating them. Very much like the blackfish, sea bass are "home-bodies," and will find a bottom formation that they like and set up housekeeping. Once they have done this, they will not stray very far from it, which means that the fisherman must find the fish and cannot wait for the sea bass to find him, as can be done with many of our other inshore species. So the first essential piece of equipment you must have for locating sea bass is a decent bottom recorder. A graph recorder is a must for this type of fishing, but you can get by with a simple flasher. Now that you have a recorder, just what are you looking for? The simplest way to put it is—bottom formations that are like an oasis. In other words, bottom formations that rise from a surrounding area which is relatively flat and lifeless. The formation should be either rocky, or some other composition that attracts other life, such as crabs, lobster, small baitfish, mussels and clams, and small baitfish like sand eels, squid and bergalls. One of the best areas to catch plenty of sea bass, particularly the large "humpbacked" variety is on a wreck, which sea bass seem to think of as a restaurant in the middle of the ocean. Virtually any wreck in thirty or more feet of water in the ocean can be expected to harbor a population of large sea bass. Unfortunately, there just aren't that many wrecks around, and those that are, are difficult to find because they are such well-kept secrets.

Cruise around the area you expect to have seabass and keep an eye on the recorder, looking for the depth to suddenly decrease, signalling a pile of rocks, reef or shoal. A good tip-off for a likely seabass haunt is a lot of lobster pot buoys in a confined area, because seabass seem to like the same type of bottom formations where lobster are found. In fact, small lobster make up a large part of the diet of seabass and I can't tell you the number of times that I have had them spit out baby lobsters and lobster parts on the deck or found them in the bottom of my fishbox at the end of a day's fishing for seabass. Whenever I do, I promptly put a piece of lobster on one of my hooks for bait. The fish pounce on it like ice cream, and you can easily catch a half-dozen or more fish on the same piece of bait without losing it.

The smaller the bottom formation, the larger the seabass. The reason for this is the old competition factor. If you find a large bottom formation, such as Rocky Hill or Southwest Ledge off of Montauk, as a rule of thumb the seabass you catch will span the entire size range of this beautiful fish — from the small "pin" seabass to the "humpbacks" of two or three pounds. But find a small bottom formation that is the size of a small house and the fish you take off it will usually all be large. There may only be a dozen or so to be caught, but the size will more than make up for this lack of numbers. Find a bottom formation the size of a compact car and you're really in business — two or three fish that will easily classify as humpbacks. The reason for this size distribution is simple: the food supply of a given bottom formation will limit the population of seabass that can set up house on it. So on a small formation which can only support a population of say a dozen fish, the fish will all be large because the larger fish will have chased the smaller fish away from it so that it doesn't become overpopulated, thus stressing the food supply.

As a result of this population limitation of a bottom formation, it's easy to "fish out" the seabass on it. So you will find that after making a good catch from a spot, you may have to let the formation rest a week or so before you can return to it again and expect to make a good catch. For these same reasons, don't continue to fish a bottom formation after the fish have stopped biting on the hopes that they will get hungry again. More than likely, you have taken all the fish that you are going to off the formation, or the tide has changed and they won't be feeding again for a few hours. So find another formation to fish, after making sure that you have taken a good range or used another method to mark the formation's location so that you can return to it at a later date.

To catch seabass in quantity chumming is essential. What's the best chum for seabassing? Clam bellies would have to win hands down. Try and get the "Long Island" bellies that look like small balls of soft, gutty tissue rather than the "New Jersey" variety that contain a lot of hard pieces of the clam's tongue and lips. Jersey bellies have a tendency to clog up the mesh of your chum pot and as a result aren't as effective as Long Island bellies, which will completely break up from the water current and send out an excellent chum slick. Ground bunker chum will also produce good catches. Use a chum pot that is heavily weighted so that you can keep it on the bottom right under the boat where your baited hooks will be. If your pot is way behind the boat, the chum slick will be down current of your bait and in effect you will only be chumming the fish away from you. Once again, when the fish stop biting it's time to leave the formation and look for a new one.

A wide variety of bait can be used for seabass, but some are more effective than others. The standard bait is fresh skimmer clam, but you have the price to consider now that a bushel goes for about nine dollars and is expected to continue rising. They can also be difficult to come by at times. A much cheaper way to go is squid. Buy a box and clean them, discarding only the insides. Save the mantel, wings and head. The mantel and wings should be skinned first and then cut into strips approximately a half-inch wide tapering to a point and two to three inches in length. Hook the strip at the wide end and allow the rest of the bait to hang so that it flutters in the current. The squid heads are **great** bait! Small ones can be used whole, hooked thru the eyes. Larger heads are cut in half between the eyes. Another good bait is crabs of almost any type. Put a bait trap down by your boat's slip and bait it with left over bait from a fishing trip. Small crabs the size of a quarter are ideal to use whole, larger crabs can be cut in half or quartered. Use crabs or crab parts that a fresh caught seabass spits up on the deck, and lobsters as discussed. Other excellent baits are butterfish chunks and live killies. The latter works exceptionally well in the shallow waters of the bay when seabass are around at times in late summer.

Bergalls inhabit the same bottom formations as seabass, at times in numbers that make it almost impossible for the seabass around to get to your hooks before they have cleaned you. When this problem is encountered, the best bait to use is the bergall itself. Take a large bergall and cut strips of meat off its side as shown in the photo, about two inches long and a half-inch wide without any taper. The fillet is hooked **once** through the end. The skin of the bergall is incredibly tough and the bergalls don't show any particular desire to eat their friend, although they will peck at it if really hungry. But the seabass love it and you can easily take a half-dozen or more fish on a single piece of fresh bergall bait before it becomes too mangled up to use and has to be changed. Rarely will the fish ever "clean" your hook when it is baited with bergall, however.

One final word on using artificials for seabass — diamond jigs score again! Tip a jig with a pennant shaped strip of squid about two-inches long and bounce it on the bottom. Make sure you follow the jig down with your rod tip so that you don't have excess belly in the line or you won't be able to feel a bite. As a rule-of-thumb, the seabass will usually hit the jig as it is fluttering back to the bottom, so be alert! The bottom rig for seabass is simple. Use beak or eagle claw style hooks ranging in size from

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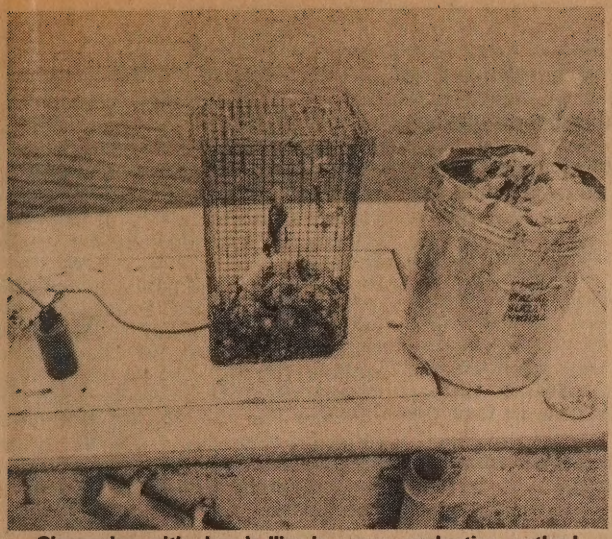
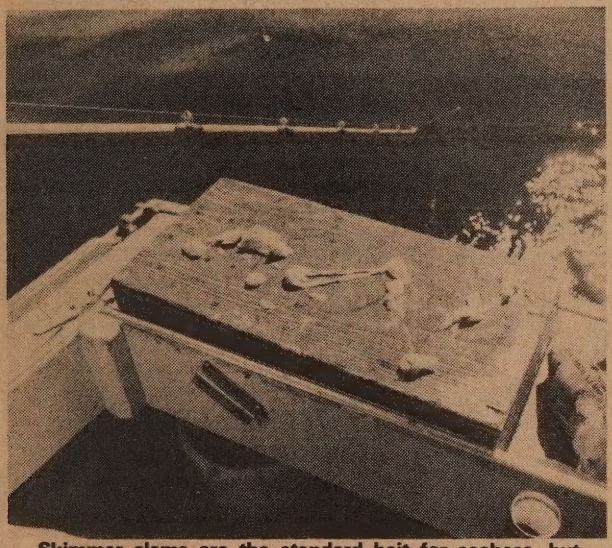
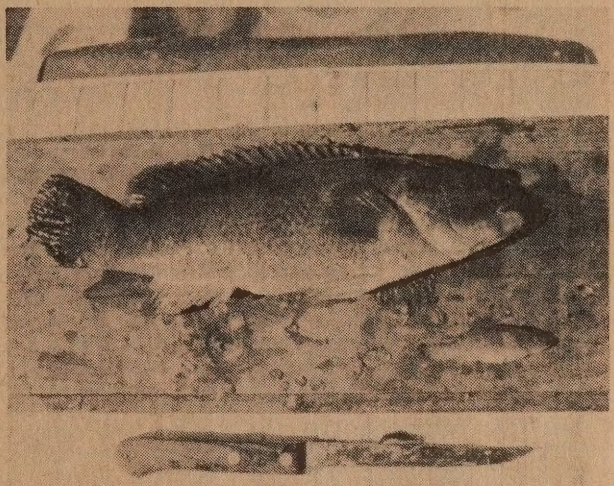


Chumming with clam bellies is a very productive method for taking sea bass in great numbers.

Small strips of squid, squid heads, and lobster all make excellent bait for large seabass.

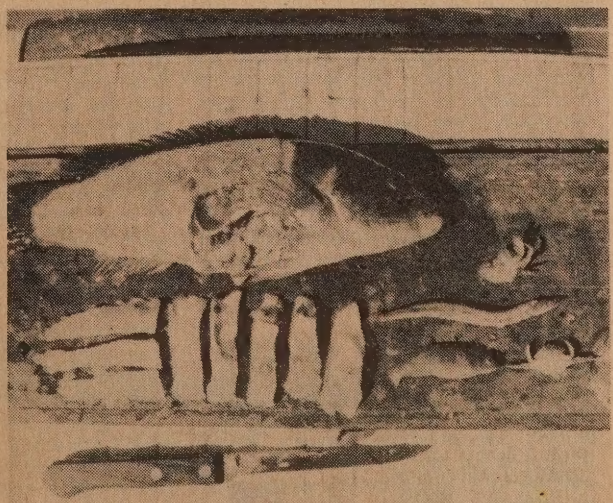


Skimmer clams are the standard bait for seabass, but their price and unavailability force use of other baits.



The small bergall was spit out by a seabass, then used for bait. The larger bergall is filleted into strips as shown in the photo below.

Almost any type of crab will take sea bass. Small ones can be used whole, large ones are cut in half.



Eight pieces of bait cut from only one side of a large bergall. At lower left are some things that were spit up by seabass that were caught and then used again as bait. Small crabs, a tiny bergall and a sandeel.

NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Foreign Allocations Down in 1978

A summary of catch allocations off U.S. coasts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) indicates that foreign nation allocations are down about 200,000 metric tons, while U.S. capacity is up about 150,000 metric tons. In the Atlantic, foreign allocations were down in every case except river herring—and that species is restricted to a mere 500 tons among all countries. That low quota is meant only for by-catch, and if the individual countries' allocations are exceeded, they are required to cease fishing.

The silver hake (whiting) quota was reduced from 85,500 metric tons to 45,400; red hake (ling) went down from 34,900 to 27,400 metric tons. In the case of squid, short-fins were down from 30,000 to 23,500 and long-fins from 39,000 to 19,000 metric tons. Mackerel were eliminated as a directed fishery by reducing the allocation from 69,000 metric tons to just 1,200. Atlantic herring were eliminated altogether—a situation literally forced on us by the almost total absence of that species last year. Only about 100 metric tons were taken out of the 22,000 allocated to foreign countries last year! Butterfish, a valuable by-catch in the squid fishery, were dropped from 5,500 to 4,000 metric tons, while the "other finfish" category (for incidental catch only) fell from 60,000 metric tons to 46,800.

There may have been some confusion in the minds of readers looking over Fred Guardineer's page in the April 6th Issue. Fred noted the fees to be paid by foreign vessels and specified that the main species sought would be hake and pollack. Red and silver hake (ling and whiting) are an important part of the foreign catch (particularly to the Soviet Union) but the East Coast hake allocations are less than the 89,000 metric tons of Pacific hake (down from 123,200 last year) allocated from the Pacific Northwest. And all of that is insignificant compared to the 950,000 metric tons of pollack from the Bering Sea and another 117,340 metric tons of the same species from the Gulf of Alaska.

Pollack is indeed the largest component of the foreign catch off our shores and probably the large exploitable food fish biomass in any of our waters. However, the pollack we're talking about is the Alaska pollack, a member of the cod family which is of no interest to sportsmen at all. They are extremely abundant in the Bering Sea, but almost totally absent south of the Canadian border. Because of high labor and processing costs, there has been little American exploitation of this great resources, though the Federal Government is anxious to subsidize experimental operations. Though soft, if properly handled, the meat is suitable for such high volume uses as fish sandwiches. The Atlantic pollack that we are familiar with **cannot** be fished by foreign fleets! Therefore, if this year's pollack run off Block Island wasn't up to expectations, we'll have to look for another culprit!

U.S.—Canadian Boundary Dispute Heats Up

Fishery problems normally don't make the headlines, but the news programs recently were full of information about the closure of Canadian waters to U.S. fishing vessels. The Canadian action to terminate the interim agreement that had been governing fishing in both countries' waters was the result of a continuing deadlock on resolution of boundary disputes in both oceans. The most serious involves the rich Georges Bank off Cape Cod. The Canadian 200-Mile Limit line takes in most of this area and actually passes close to Provincetown. Obviously, our lines are quite different! Indeed, we claim all of Georges Banks on the basis that it's a natural extension of our Continental Shelf.

These two varying claims have left a large disputed area in which vessels of both countries have been fishing (and overfishing) since the laws went into effect. By mutual consent, vessels of both countries which had traditional fisheries in the other country's undisputed fishing zone were basically allowed to continue such fisheries. Therefore, there were American draggers in Canadian waters harvesting ocean perch, cod, haddock, etc., while Canadians in American waters took valuable sea scallops, scarce mackerel, and various groundfish. Our State Department was anxious to keep this "trade-off" arrangement in effect while trying to resolve the boundary dispute. Some of the State Department proposals were anathema to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, as they would strip much of the Council's management authority in terms of trans-boundary stocks such as mackerel. As a result, the Council recommended that each country's vessels be restricted to fishing in their own waters, with the disputed area jointly managed until such time as the issue is resolved. Though the State Department wasn't enamored of our suggestion, the Canadian action has forced them into taking just such action.

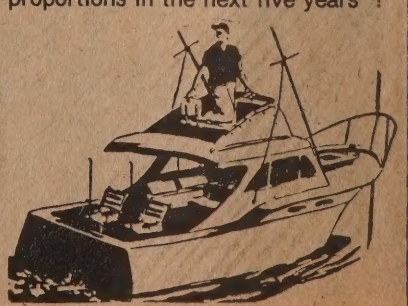
Actually, the State Department had no choice but to retaliate in kind once the Canadians banned American fishing in their waters. The U.S. went even one better by banning Canadian recreational fishing on our side of the Great Lakes. However, this will have little effect on recreational fishermen in general. It affects only boats, not individuals. Many Great Lakes charter boats that normally fish in Canadian waters during the summer had already decided against doing so this summer as the Canadians were requiring them to put into port to get licenses for their customers, rather than permitting them to be sold in U.S. ports.

The primary effect of the Canadian action will be to speed up resolution of the boundary dispute and to create a permanent management regime for trans-boundary stocks. All this is well and good, if our negotiators don't panic into a settlement that will prove permanently disadvantageous to our interests and take away the management authority vested in the Councils by the 200-Mile Limit Law.

NWF Members Give Carter Low Rating

A recent survey of its membership by the National Wildlife Federation indicates that President Carter isn't very highly rated as a conservationist. Among 35,182 members who responded, the President got "excellent" or "good" grades from only twenty-seven percent. The rest marked him only "fair" or "poor." The actual breakdown was two percent excellent; twenty-five percent good; fifty-one percent fair, and twenty-two percent poor.

In ranking environmental issues, NWF members gave their highest priority to the fight on environmental pollution. Development of an energy program was the second priority. In terms of what energy sources should receive the highest priority for development to meet future demands, solar power finished well ahead—followed by wind and nuclear. An overwhelming number of members felt that "pollution can be cleaned up while preserving jobs and maintaining at least the present standard of living for all Americans." By over two to one, they also indicated belief that "the energy shortage will reach crisis proportions in the next five years"!



First Swordfish

by Hank Neville

We left Montauk, Long Island and ran over to Block Island where the tournament was to take place. The boat was a 53 Hatteras owned by Ted Wilbert. Ted is a sport fisherman, not simply interested in killing fish. He believes that when a fish is killed, it should be eaten. My profession, I guess you could say, is fishing, and I have seen so much waste over the years that I certainly do not wish to contribute to it. It is a truism—if you want to know what fish are running, ask the garbage man and he will tell you.

You should know that I am a professional captain and have fished from Panama to California; the Pacific; Australia, and a lot of places that produce the big catches. I have had the opportunity to really enjoy the sport as a sailor in our merchant fleet during and after World War II. I have always liked to fish and simply took advantage. I have met some fabulous people fishing; and it is my opinion that they are, by and large, the nicest group of sportsmen around. I can still testify to that conviction, as I currently own a marina in Montauk. But enough about me—this is a story about catching a fish.

On the boat with us was Ted's full-time Captain, Ray Doane. He is a very nice guy who gets extreme pleasure from his job, and he knows it well. The condition of the boat is a testament to his concern. It shines and is not a dockside home, but a boat that really fishes the entire East Coast down to the Bahama Islands.

The three of us, via an invitation to Ted in Florida, had come to Block to enter (for the first time) the Rhode Island Invitational Billfish Tournament held there annually. It's not a large, unwieldy contest, but a well organized group that go at it seriously and have a good time while doing it. The number of boats that fished were a little over thirty. This is a Rhode Island group, but fellows come over from Montauk. One of the participating boats—the Merlin—is a charter boat which fished near Block Island for awhile and for a short time held the record tuna. It weighed in at 1,037 pounds and that's a big tuna. My congratulations to his expertise. There was another boat entered named the Mako. Someone told me that the fish he caught was his sixty-third sword. That is really a tremendous score, in that there have only been a little over a thousand of these fish actually boated on rod and reel.

There were a couple of more boats that had professional crews on board; but for the most part, the boats were manned by fellows who worked at jobs ashore. I met a couple of attorneys who were operating their own boats. The fishing was to take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8 AM to 4 PM, leaving the dock at 6 AM. We fished IGFA rules.

We had arrived with the thought that this was to be a Swordfish Tournament and found that any billfish could qualify. We had plenty of bait for swords, but not billfish. We made our way up to the local bait station, which is up the road to the fire house and then the end of the street; if you have never been on Block Island in New Harbour at Block Island Marina, this means approximately a mile. When we arrived, we met a cheerful young man who was in the process of loading a couple of reels with line. We waited till he completed his transaction and then found that the only bait available was squid and eels. We took on a few pounds of squid and then wanted some eels, as they are good skip baits. He explained that we would have to go down to the dock behind the store. When we left the store, his friend was returning from the dock area and was requested to help us get the eels. He went with us to a small dock with a couple of boats tied to it, and with cautious footwork, we pulled a trap filled with eels. The trap was dumped into a large garbage can and this carried to a large grass lawn in back of the bait shop. The eels were dumped, and we were allowed to pick the ones we wanted. After gathering our needs, I asked the fellow if he needed help. He said no, but I think he was running around that lawn for sometime trying to get the rest of those eels back in the water. We returned to the store and talked to the young man who was the owner. It never ceases to make me feel good inside when I see a young person doing his own thing—to use an expression. You know, without any doubt, that he will be content and achieve his goals in life. When we returned to the boat, we packaged the bait separately, so it could be used in the southern waters as well: eels are hard to get down south as bait. Maybe someone should look at this need and create a new venture. The captain on the boat next to us asked if we wanted some other bait because his freezer was full. We took on some balao and mullet, which rounded us out pretty well in the bait department.

After the meeting at the fire house up the hill, we retired to a local restaurant and had fresh swordfish for dinner. For those of you who have never eaten it fresh, I highly recommend it. It is just fabulous.

The following morning, we were ready to cast off by 6 AM. The fuel tanks had been topped off at Montauk, and we would not need to add any till the evening, so we were away from the dock at 6 AM. We had our choice: there were no restrictions on the area we could fish, and it was apparent that the boats were all going to the dumping grounds. We chose to run about two hours more to the south. The boat, which performed like a champion, ran along at about twenty-three knots. She is equipped with

two 12 71 TI's and can really get up and go. At forty-five fathoms, we slowed to trolling speed and continued to head in a southerly direction with no luck; and found the water temperature was only 65°. We did see a few sharks, and about 11 AM, I saw a large billfish bust the surface and from then on, we had numerous sightings. Ted was in the tower and would give off a blast every so often, and there would be some action—tuna busting or a fin to look at; but it was not until about 12:30 that we came upon a swordfish that was cruising around looking for something to eat. Ted saw him and came down from the tower. We tried to bait him several times, but he was a bit spooky. Finally, I had Ray maneuver the boat so the fish would swim in our general direction. We then shut down the engines, as it appeared the noise was bothering the fish.

I had the bait—a rigged squid—out about three hundred feet from the stern when the fish first noticed it and made his pass at it. From then on, with Ted in the chair and the line in my hand, I was able to feel the fish actually take and eat the squid. He must have really wanted that squid, as he took it right down to the pit of his stomach. When it appeared he had enough time, I signaled Ray to start the engines and as he put them in gear, I told Ted to advance the drag on the reel to a pre-set hand pull of approximately twenty pounds. We had our swordfish on rod and reel at 1 PM. The fish made a few runs, then sounded a bit and never did come out of the water. He took a fair run and then settled down. I thought that we had him stomach-hooked, as a sword is a real challenge to any angler.

Ted is a very accomplished angler, and we asked him if he wanted to get a bit more action from the fish, since it was his first sword. He commented that we should do everything right and boat the fish. We had the fish up to the boat in about twenty minutes, but he was still pretty green; so we pulled off so he could tire a bit more, and there would be less chance of losing him at the boat—which so often happens. After another ten minutes, I told Ray that I thought it was time to take the fish. He had the boat under control from the cockpit and we backed down on it. I wired the fish, and Ray hit the first shot with the flying gaff. We had the transom door open and brought the fish aboard after thirty-six minutes from the time he went on the squid.

It is always hard to estimate a fish's weight; but after having seen a few, you get fairly close. Ray reported the sword at up to two hundred pounds. The committee boat then put out the word to the other boats in the Tournament that a fish had been boated, and we received congratulations on the VHF radio from them. We put the weight out at about two hundred, and a boat that was fishing called the committee boat to ask him for the weight, and the fish immediately gained fifty pounds as he was then put on the air at two hundred fifty pounds. But that's fishing—they do increase in size on occasion.

We still had a good deal of fishing time left for the day, and started to look for number two. It was not long before Ted hollered off the port bow. He was feeding, and bait was out of the water all around him. We brought in the small baits and out went the squid, but this fish fed to both sides of the squid, but paid it no attention. We tried all the tricks to get him to eat our squid, but he would have nothing to do with it. Again I suggested to Ray we pull ahead of him some distance and let him feed towards us. In addition to shutting down both engines, I suggested we also kill the generator as it might be a source of noise that was disturbing the fish: that did it. He came along feeding and spotted the squid and took off like a freight train. You would not believe it, but just as he arrived at the bait, a large blue marlin that we had not seen jumped in front of him and they both took off, one of them running into the line and I had hoped the hook, but no such luck.

We had experienced a fine day on the water; great fishing and had a shot at taking a prize in the Tournament. When we arrived at the dock, the fish weighed in at one hundred forty-eight pounds. Ray and I feel that our two hundred estimate was not too bad. I am sure the fish did dehydrate a bit. It was the only fish taken that day, and we were leading, as the fish hooked by other boats had broken off during their fights.

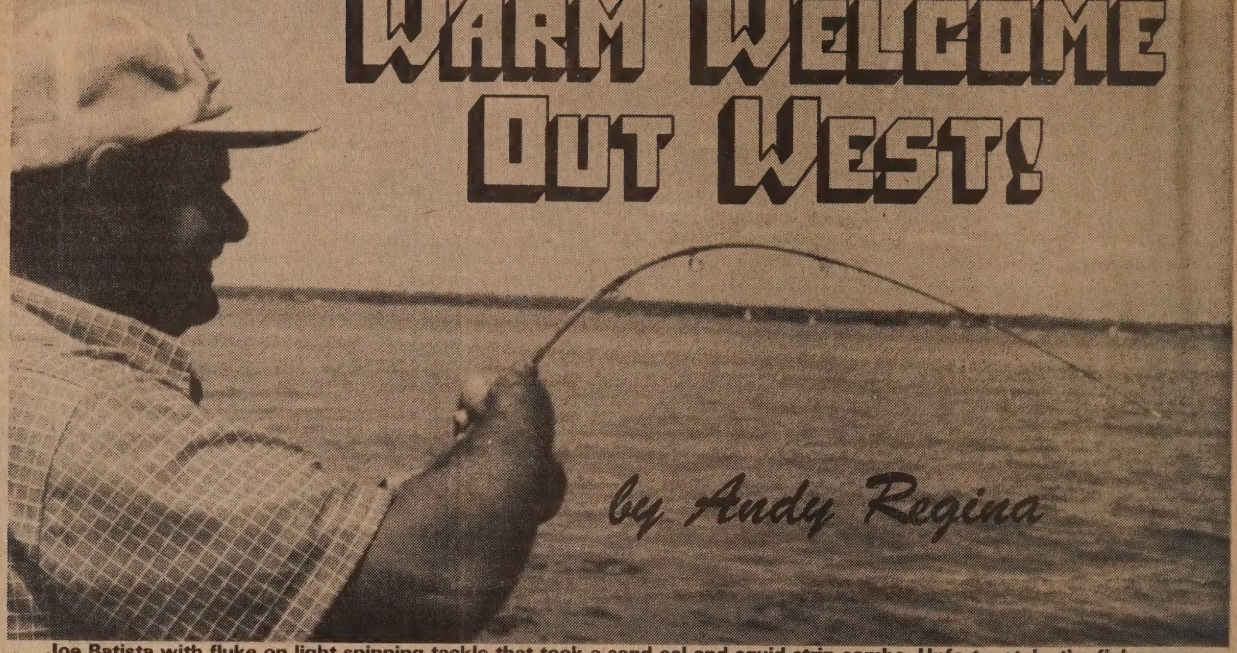
We went up to a local restaurant for dinner, and on the way back, we took one of Block Island's many cabs, converted private cars used to transport visitors. The driver was an old salt, and when he learned we had caught a swordfish in the Tournament, he told us without any reservations that we had not caught a billfish, and that was that. Swordfish are not billfish. Then we listened to his tales of the old-timers who fished out of Block Island years ago, and the trip back to the dock was over too quickly. Guess I love to hear fish tales by those who know. He had fished for over fifty years himself.

The Tournament lasted three days, and we decided that we had seen too much action the first day to return to the same area. The second day, we saw a lot of tuna busting, but no swordfish. We did see a white marlin, but he was not interested in anything we offered to him. About that time, the Mako reported they had a fish on. Several boats reported they were also hooked up. We wished them well and continued to try. We had no success in locating any fish, and we had it all hanging out. All the lines were in the water with as many different baits as we could muster—but no hits.

The Mako reported boating the fish, which eventually weighed in at over four hundred pounds and was leading the Tournament. The next day was a washout, as the seas were up and the fishing was called. The presentations were given out. We took second place, and Ted received a trophy. We left Block Island for Montauk, as Ted and Ray were en route to Connecticut. The head of the swordfish did not go into New York for mounting until the next day. I did not learn about it for sometime. The next day after they had returned, the lights went out in New York (a brown-out) and he had to keep the fish head in the bathtub packed with ice. I am sure he will recall a pleasant day of fishing each time he looks at it. I can testify that the steaks cut from the fish were delicious.

Warm Welcome Out West!

by Andy Regina



Joe Batista with fluke on light spinning tackle that took a sand eel and squid strip combo. Unfortunately, the fluke was dropped at the surface due to the author's inept netting attempt.

Joe Batista was adamant. "I'm telling you that there's fluke at Prospect Point," he said, "and I'm willing to bet my shirt on it!" He was trying to convince me into taking one of our regular exploratory trips, something we dreamed up a few seasons ago, where we would devote an entire trip, or the better part of it, towards seeking new pastures—either the first newcomers of incoming species, or new spots to find 'em at. This is a trick Joe learned many years ago, when he was a mate on party boats fishing the Sound. That's how we met, and we've been good friends and regular fishing partners since, doing our thing from Joe's "Georgia B," out of City Island in The Bronx.

The years of training aboard those party boats gave Joe an excellent knowledge of the Sound, and he not only knows the best spots to fish, but can really catch 'em, too. He's got to be the best fisherman I ever met, and I stopped those twenty-five cent side bets with him a long time ago—he was slowly taking me broke, a quarter at a time.

We had heard reports of fluke being caught during June and July near our end of the Sound (the western end), as close as Mattinecock, just east of Hempstead Harbor. We were trying to decide whether or not to take the trip—it was a little too far from our home port—but we had often gone farther than that in our time. Lloyd's Neck and Eaton's Neck were no strangers to the Georgia B, or the two nuts inside her hull, and those places were an awful lot farther east than Mattinecock.

I might as well confess that I was reluctant to go along with Joe's idea at that time. Not that Prospect Point wasn't a good fishing spot; it was an excellent location, and we had caught lots of fish there, of many species: blackfish and porgies galore on Purdy's Reef, the main major structure in that area; bluefish outside that reef, and stripers inshore—last year Joe boated a twenty-six pound striper at that very place. There were fish there, all right, but fluke? I just wasn't sure.

Fluke are no strangers to Long Island Sound, but except for long ago, when I can remember catching them from the Fordham Street dock, in City Island, there just weren't any fluke to be had at the western end of the Sound at all. The recent resurgence of this species brought the fluke closer to us, but although they were no longer the exclusive property of the guys out east in places like Port Jefferson and Smithtown, our end just didn't get any fluke. It was probably a combination of many reasons: lack of forage, destruction of western wetlands, unrestricted pollution, angler ignorance or indifference, etc. As things stood, if you wanted fluke, you either drove to one of the ocean ports (Sheepshead Bay or Freeport) or to Great South Bay (Babylon or Captree), or did without.

Spending a few days of our joint vacation together, my son Steve and I had a ball with school bass, close to shore in the Country Club section of The Bronx, near Pelham Bay Park. School bass on ultra-light tackle and miniature lures is right up my alley, and I would gladly spend all my time thusly; but as I said, Steve changed things for us. Bouncing a tiny, worm-tipped black bucktail jig on the bottom, Steve hooked into a fish that didn't act as the rest of our bass had. We both were surprised when he brought a small fluke alongside, and I almost dropped the net overboard in my haste to net that baby, and confirm its identity.

Sure enough, it was twelve inch fluke. Handling it gently (it was under New York's legal fourteen inch limit), we measured and photographed that baby, then tenderly slipped it back into the water, where it gave us a haughty flip of its tail, and slowly swam away. I couldn't wait to phone Joe with the news, and I did, as soon as we got home that day. And Joe and I made immediate plans to fish Prospect Point as soon as possible—which in this case, was three days later. The days dragged slowly by, even though I tried to keep busy by tying fluke hooks to long leaders, building a killie cart, and building a net with which to catch live bait—either killies or spearing, both mainstays of the fluke's diet. This funny looking flatfish is a predator—make no mistake about that. Built flat, with both eyes on the dark side of its head, the fluke conceals itself on the bottom, which blends in perfectly with its dark, mottled back. Often partly covered by the very sand it is camouflaged by, its perfectly placed eyes are both always looking upward, searching for an unwary fish or other small creature to swim by.

As Joe and I departed on D-Day (our fluke invasion day), we had an ample supply of fluke bait aboard: live killies swimming in a pail of sea water, and fresh-dead spearing on ice, along with squid and some sand eels. We were taking no chances, and brought along what we felt

was a good variety of baits. As we slid out of our slip, we passed under the City Island Bridge and headed north; and as Orchard Beach slid by on our port side, and High Island, then Hart Island on our starboard, we headed east towards Execution Light, which pointed the way towards our destination: Prospect Point. And as we neared the Light, Joe turned south towards Long Island, and soon we were gliding past Sand's Point on the homeward leg to Prospect Point. Then Buoy 23 popped into view, and the big white house on the bluff appeared, and there we were!

The tide was starting to move out, so we ran up close to the beach, to drift outward with the outgoing tide, and started our first drift real close, in about five feet of water. The clear shallows easily revealed ideal fluke habitat: hard sand interspersed with rocks, and strewn with shells—perfect for fluke camouflage tactics. And as we drifted away from the beach, the deepening water revealed those funny little ridges in the bottom that formed the mini-troughs that bait fish traveled. Eventually, the bottom became too difficult to see any longer, but we spotted the bait fish-sand eels—millions of them—like huge dark clouds! And that's when I finally realized that Joe was probably right once again: all systems pointed to go, as far as fluke were concerned. Now all we needed were some fluke.

I wish that I could say that we started to catch fluke from the very first drift, but it just wasn't so. In fact, we made that same drift over twice more before we decided to move. There were some small rock jetties up the line a bit, and we felt that the fish might be near them, perhaps feeding on the bait that sought haven in the safety of the jetty itself; so we ran up the beach and started another drift no further than about five feet from the first jetty.

And we re-baited, each with a different bait, to see what would work best on this search-and-destroy mission for a fish we weren't even sure were where we thought they were. This different bait tactic is standard operating procedure for Joe and me, giving us another edge over other anglers who don't realize the simplicity of the reasoning for such a ploy. Once one of us caught a couple of fish, the other would then switch from the bait he was using, and use the same bait that was producing for the successful one. I almost said, "for the lucky one," but although we believe that luck plays a part in fishing success, we hold that sound fishing fact and savvy are what constitutes most of the luck we have, and we use every trick and gimmick at our disposal to hedge our bets.

Knowing your quarry and its habits are facts that every fishermen who hopes to succeed must know; finding proper holding structure and presenting the correct bait in the correct manner are not only important, but imperative. Without coordinating both of these facts, you might as well stay home: you just ain't going to catch any fish—at least not the fish you seek. Anything other than that would be sheer coincidence, or just plain luck!

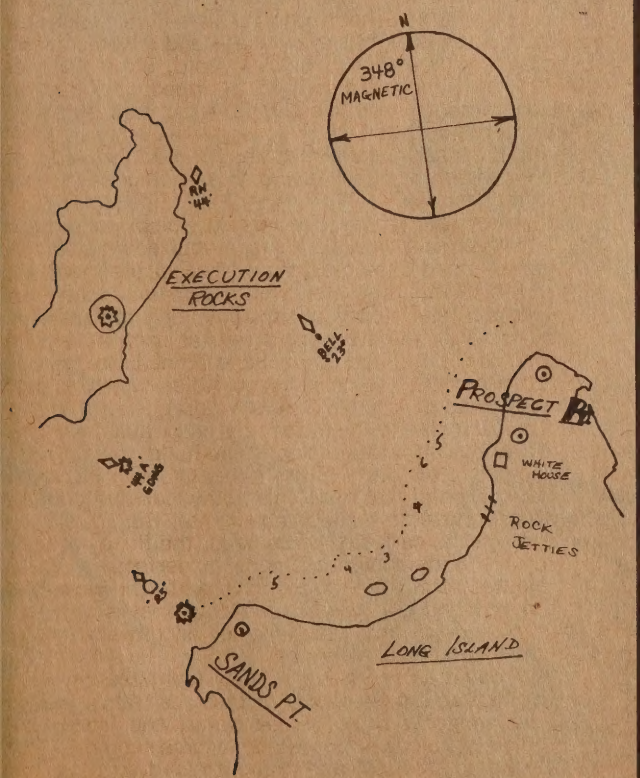
And so we switched baits: Joe went with sand eels and a strip of squid, and I opted for a live killie, hooked through the lips. We reasoned that both choices were wise; the water did teem with sand eels, and jetties did support killies—we were hedging our bets again!

And we were both into fish immediately! I should say that I was into fish, because Joe dropped his; so he grabbed the net and got ready to bring our first fluke aboard. But it wasn't a fluke; it was a B-29, a big sea robin! And I didn't even get too angry. Didn't fluke and sea robins go together, like ham and eggs? Find one, and the other was sure to be around, too. Besides, Joe's dropped fish had shredded the bait, leaving the telltale marks of a fluke's pointed dentures etched in bloody scratches that ran the length of the body.

Fluke are funny creatures. They grab a bait and hold on, and if you try to hook 'em too soon, they just let go. The trick here is to drop back slightly, give them some slack and let them swallow the bait—then you'll catch them, if they don't shake loose at the boat first. That's why you should always use a landing net, by the way.

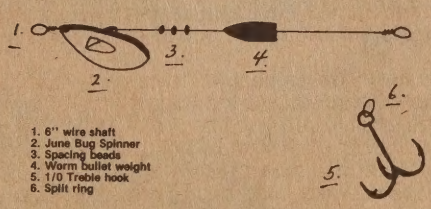
Well, we repeated that drift, and soon caught our precious fluke; and ended up the day with four keepers. Not too bad for us, considering the fact that this was an exploratory trip, and that fluke just aren't caught in our end of the Sound! Or are they, after all?

THE BEACH AT PROSPECT POINT



Dead Snapper Fluke Rig

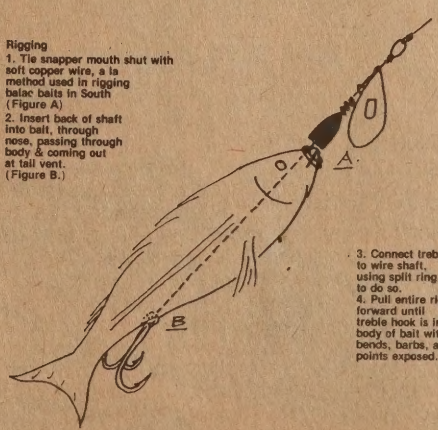
Components



1. 6" wire shaft
2. June Bug Spinner
3. Spacing beads
4. Worm bullet weight
5. 1/0 Treble hook
6. Split ring

Directions:
Form eye at one end of wire shaft, affix spinner, spacing beads, and bullet weight, then form eye on other end of wire, using Haywire twist.

Rigging
1. Tie snapper mouth shut with soft copper wire, a la method used in rigging balac baits in South (Figure A)
2. Insert back of shaft into bait, through nose, passing through body & coming out at tail vent. (Figure B.)



3. Connect treble to wire shaft, using split ring to do so.
4. Pull entire rig forward until treble hook is in body of bait with bends, barbs, and points exposed.

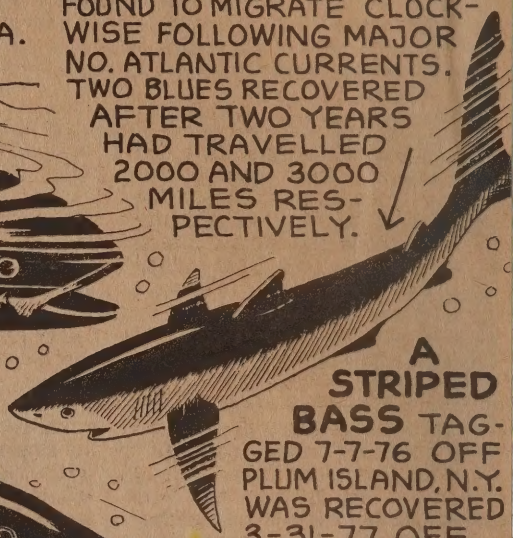
TAGGING REPORTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FISH TAG RECOVERIES IS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT EACH YEAR AS THE WORLD DEMAND FOR MARINE RESOURCES CONTINUES TO INCREASE. BOTH SALT AND FRESHWATER FISHERMEN AND COMMERCIAL MEN HAVE ALL DONE EXTENSIVE TAGGING TO PRODUCE THESE RESULTS REPORTED BY THE AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY.

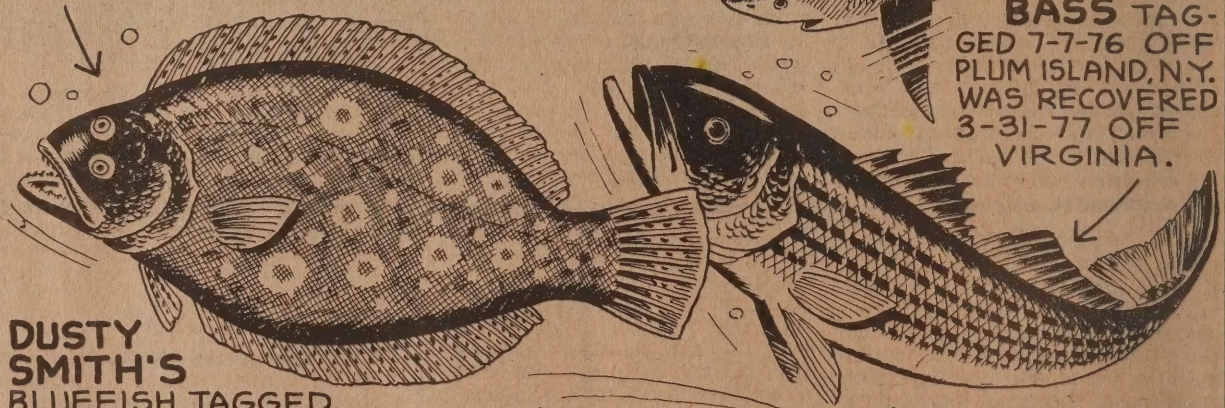
AL RISTORI'S TAGGED MONTAUK TUNA GREW FROM 15 TO 57 LBS. IN THREE YEARS BEFORE RECOVERED OFF BERMUDA.

BLUE SHARKS WERE FOUND TO MIGRATE CLOCKWISE FOLLOWING MAJOR NO. ATLANTIC CURRENTS. TWO BLUES RECOVERED AFTER TWO YEARS HAD TRAVELLED 2000 AND 3000 MILES RESPECTIVELY.



A FLUKE TAGGED BY JOHN SWENSON GREW 4½ INCHES IN THE 14 MONTHS IT WAS FREE.

A STRIPED BASS TAGGED 7-7-76 OFF PLUM ISLAND, N.Y. WAS RECOVERED 3-31-77 OFF VIRGINIA.



DUSTY SMITH'S BLUEFISH TAGGED 6-10-76 AT FIRE ISLAND, L.I. WAS RECOVERED 4-6-77 OFF VIRGINIA.

A SMALLMOUTH BLACK BASS, TAGGED IN WAPPINGER'S CREEK, N.Y. WAS RECOVERED AND SET FREE THREE TIMES DURING A 73 DAY PERIOD!

AN ATLANTIC SALMON TAGGED IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA WAS CAUGHT A FEW MONTHS LATER OFF GREENLAND BY A COMMERCIAL NETTER.

From the Sea to the Table

by Helen Groll

IT WAS A REAL FINE CLAMBAKE!

ake a tip from Chinese cuisine and it your clams "clean themselves" efore you prepare them. Place the ell-scrubbed bivalves in a large ettle with cold water. Add, for each uart of water you use: 1 tablespoon f oil, 1 tablespoon of vinegar, 1 ablespoon of salt and 1/4 cup of ornmeal. Let them sit in a cool place or several hours or overnight. This eatment gives them a chance to rid emselves of wastes and sand.

low here's an easier way to open lams for service "on the half shell." ut them in the freezer for twenty inutes first. This "relaxes" the uscles that hold the shell together o shucking will be a much more leasant task.

ere are three "clam classics." Try em sometime this summer.

Kettle Clambake.

his is a simplified version of the arge traditional "bake." Try it over a ire outdoors or on the range at home. f seaweed is not available, use one nch of salted water on the bottom of he kettle and separate the layers of eafood with sheets of heavy duty luminum foil. The following recipe vill serve six.

Use a large, heavy bottomed kettle nd line the bottom of it with a layer f well-washed seaweed 4" thick. Place six small lobsters on the weed, hen cover them with more seaweed. Now add a dozen unhusked ears of orn, more seaweed and then 36 vell-scrubbed steamer or cherrystone lams. Cover the final layer with more eaweed and close the kettle tightly. f the cover is not really snug, use a heet of foil under the lid for a better eal. Allow about two hours for verything to be done. The clams will e ready first, so serve them up with nelted butter. Follow with the corn, nd then finish up with the lobsters. Be sure to have plenty of melted utter on hand along with lemon vedges, salt and pepper. If you do the lambake outdoors, you can foil-roast otatoes in the hot coals. At home, nake them in the oven, while the 'bake" is cooking.

Broiled Clams on the Half-Shell.

Pre-heat your broiler and loosely crumble some foil in a large roasting an. The foil will hold the clams in place while they are cooking. Try to retain as much juice as possible while you open the clams. Lay them "on the half-shell" on the foil and season them with salt, pepper and a touch of celery salt. Top each clam with a small square of bacon and broil until done, making sure not to overcook.

Cold Stuffed Clams.

Steam two dozen clams until the shells open, remove them from the shells and mince them. Combine the minced clams with enough bread crumbs to just bind the mixture. If mixture seems too dry, add some of the strained liquid from the steaming kettle. Season this with salt, pepper and lemon juice, then pile it in the shells. Top each clam with a pat of butter and a sprinkle of grated parmesan cheese. Bake in a 350° oven until golden brown.

FISH AT THE COOKOUT

Now is the season for entertaining with a barbecue. Steaks and burgers are fine, but why not try fish at your next cookout? When you serve fish as the "star" of your barbecue, make sure to have suitable "fixin's" on hand. Lemon wedges, tarter sauce or a ketchup-based seafood sauce are indispensable. Round out the meal with a tossed salad, baked potatoes and hot rolls. Keep dessert simple. Fresh fruit is always a fine choice.

A few tips for better barbecuing: Resist the temptation to start grilling too soon. The charcoal should be glowing, not flaring up. If you use bamboo skewers for kebobs, soak them in water first so they won't char. For small fish, use a hinged broiler with handles. This device will prevent them from breaking.

Here are three recipes that demonstrate three different techniques for cooking fish outdoors. You can use the fish we suggest in the recipe or try different varieties that have the same texture and fat content.

Flounder in Foil.

Tear off generous sized pieces of heavy duty aluminum foil and place a portion of filleted flounder on each. Season with salt and pepper and add a generous lump of butter. Close the packets tightly with a "drugstore" fold and place them on the grille. Cook the packets until the fish flakes easily when pierced with a fork. Keep a close eye on them—it doesn't take long for the fish to be cooked. You can vary the seasoning in the packets by using a sprinkle of lemon juice, some sliced onion or a dash of your favorite herb.

Grilled Mackerel.

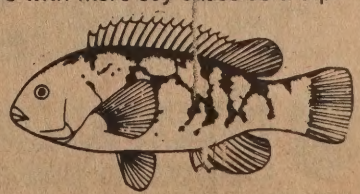
This is a good way to treat any "fatty" type fish. Make a marinade by combining 3 parts of oil to 1 part of lemon juice and adding salt and pepper to taste. Or, you may use bottled Italian Dressing. Marinate small, whole mackerel or mackerel steaks in this mixture for several hours. Place the fish on a well-greased grille over glowing charcoal and cook, turning and brushing with the marinade until done. Watch them carefully to make sure they don't burn. Serve them with the following sauce: combine two cups of mayonnaise with 1 tablespoon of horseradish, 1 tablespoon of pickle relish, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 2 tablespoons of mustard, 2 cloves of finely minced garlic and one small, peeled and finely chopped, onion.

Barbecued Eel.

Wash and wipe eels dry after cleaning and cut them into 2" chunks. Combine 1 stick of melted butter with 2 beaten eggs, a dash of tabasco and salt and pepper. Dip the eel chunks in the egg mixture, then roll them in bread crumbs. Thread the pieces on skewers and cook over hot coals, turning and basting them with melted butter. Serve the fish with tarter sauce.

Charcoal Broiled Whiting.

A nice way to make this is on a small Hibachi. Brush chunks of boneless whiting with a mixture of soy sauce and oil and thread them on bamboo skewers. Broil over hot coals until golden, then brush with the sauce again and continue to cook for another minute or so. The fish should be crispy and brown when done, but take care not to burn the delicate flesh. Serve with more soy sauce as a dip.



MONTAUK
★ BEST BET ★
STRIPED BASS

The fishing at Montauk this week can only be described as "picky." While the charter boats have been taking between 5 and 10 striped bass for a half-day trip, the fishing has been tough and the captains have really had to drill out their fish. Bluefish are mixed in with the striped bass and are helping to fill out the catches. Flounder fishing is slowly tapering off, but decent catches are still being made off Gin Beach and at Washington Shoals. The sea bass fishing is still slow by previous years standards and the fluke fishing has yet to really get off the ground. Big codfish and monstrous pollack are being taken in the Coxes Ledge area when virtually no fish are being taken close to home. About the only improved fishing that we can report is the offshore action for small blue sharks, which are numerous.

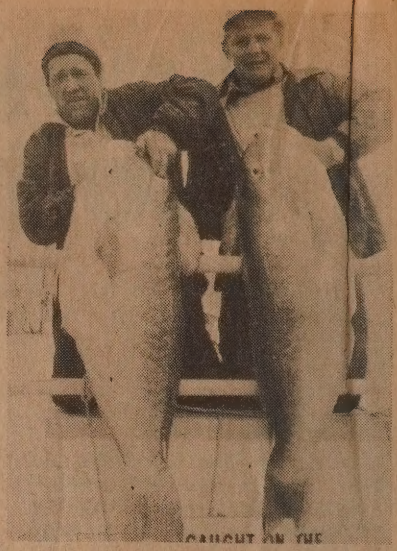
Nine bass to 30 lbs., were taken by Chuck, Bob, Carl, and Ritchie. The fish were caught on the original DeMaio sand eel jig aboard the "Vivienne" out of Montauk.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported that on most of his half-day trips, he had 10 or more striped bass, but on a few days, he really had to work at it to manage 5 bass. The fish are being taken on DeMaio jigs using the heave and haul method, as well as diamond jigs, and naturally umbrella rigs are accounting for a lot of fish. Action has been centered around Great Eastern and the Elbow, with the fish hitting unpredictably at any stage of either moving tide. John said that during the week he took one big bass that spit out a live baby weakfish right at the boat that quickly swam away.

Capt. Warren Hader of the charter boat **Devilfish** reported that the bass fishing has been fair, with boats taking between 5 and 10 fish a day. The offshore action has been pretty good for small blue sharks, and the larger males should be moving into the area shortly.

Capt. Gene Kelly of the charterboat **Sea Doll** reported that there are plenty of small blue sharks about 25 miles south of the point. Gene fished only 19 miles out in 210 ft. of water the other day and took a large male blue shark of 160 lbs. Gene said that most of the small blue sharks being taken are females. He also told us that he took 8 bluefish offshore that were typical of spring fish—big heads and long skinny bodies on bluefish that weighed only 10 lbs., that will weight 15 to 16 lbs., when their bodies fill out from feeding.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that the boats have been taking up to 10 striped bass per trip mixed with blues trolling Great Eastern and the Elbow, but the action has been far from a blitz. The boats are still making decent catches of flounder at Washington Shoals, but the fluke seem to be almost non-existent. Capt. Ronnie Goldberg of the Bar Bar Jack had a fantastic catch of huge cod and more than a dozen pollack in the over 30 pound class that he caught on diamond jigs and bait in the Coxes Ledge area. Boats returning from offshore trips have been bagging up to 4 small blue sharks.



Pictured are Hennery Mikucki and Gil Felipe with tilefish of 54 and 50 lbs., respectively. These fish were part of a George's Bank trip aboard the "Viking Starship." The trip produced tons of giant cod, pollack, haddock, hake, and tilefish.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that the fishing for giant cod and pollack at Coxes Ledge has been good during the week, but slightly down on the weekend. Thursday's catch included 28 cod and pollack hanging from the rail. The captain told us that as a bonus his passengers had been watching large schools of whales and dolphins southeast of Block Island during the ride home to Montauk.

Excellent flounder, beautiful sea bass and blackfish were at Rocky Point this weekend caught on fresh clams. Offshore 25 miles south of the point the shark hunter, Capt. Nick Lucas had 6 blue shark.

Lou Carillo and Vincent Gualtieri were fishing off the Black Onyx out of Cove

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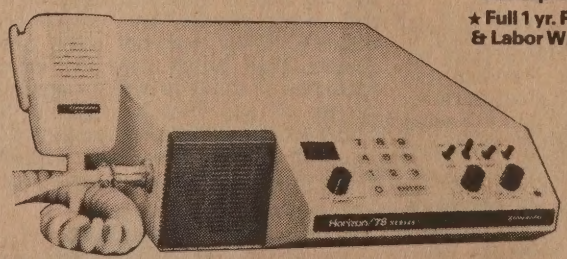

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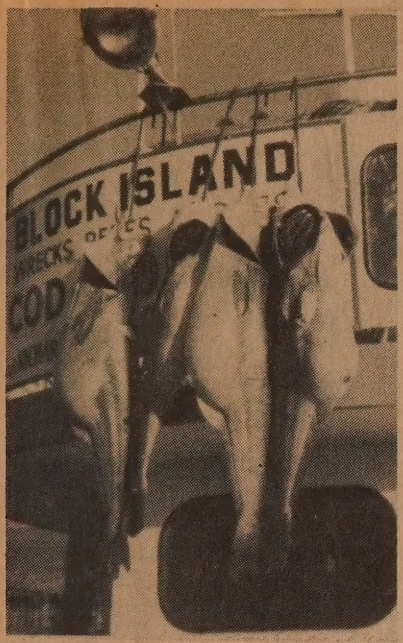

These giant cod hanging from the rail were taken last week aboard the MARLIN IV out of Montauk.

Marina, had a lot of cod up to 15 lbs, and had 35 bluefish from 5 to 14 lbs, fishing with fresh clams out of Hooter Buoy at Southwest Ledge.

Viking Skipper II had excellent mixed bags of sea bass, blues, cod, pollack, ling, blacks and flounder all mixed together. Budd says you never know what's coming up next. Sat. saw Willie Cornell and Mike Murphy of the Bronx bag up with 72 mixed fish, including many jumbo sea bass.

Capt. Richie Rade on the **Marlin IV** reports 7-8 cod per man with some cod going into the 40s. Montauk native George Casatuta bagged a 47 lb. cod on Sun. A 20 lb pollack was brought in during the week. The boat is averaging 80-150 fish a day, mainly cod, pollack and a few 35 lb. hake and some jumbo blues.

Charter boat **Darius II** called to say he had 8 blue sharks on Sat. and left others in the slick, so that you can feel safe in booking shark now, they have arrived. Heavy concentrations of bluefish far out at 40 fathoms and also closer in at 140 ft., with big schools all over the place, but too far off the beach for good inshore blues. Best bet on the bottom now is sea bass at Frisby.

Gone Fishing Marina tells us that the spring run of bass has started and that he has weighed in bass in the 40s, taken in the Elbow and Great Eastern on umbrellas and diamond jigs. Fluke are starting now at Shagwong and the north rips on squid and sand eels.

Charter boat **Adios**, Capt. Phil Lewis reports that the bass have arrived and he has been getting them all week long on umbrellas at the Elbow and Great Eastern. Sat. morning he had 14 bass and a handful of blues.

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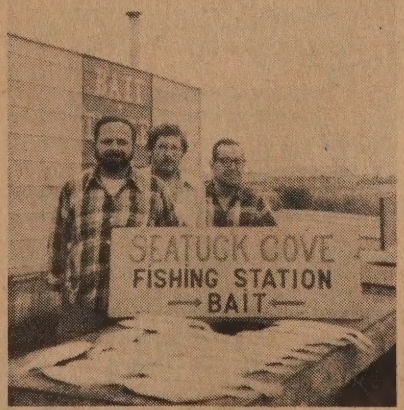
The Capt. Clark II reports that due to the slow-down on weakfish since last week, the boat will now start fishing offshore wrecks south of Shinnecock. Capt. Clark has also seen a fair to good showing of sea bass, ling, blacks and a few cod and pollack mixed in. The **Capt. Clark II** has started fishing local wrecks in Peconic Bay, getting summer porgies and he reports that it looks like it will be a very good porgy season.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station reports weakfish action in Peconic Bay was slow this past week, with one to two weaks per boat being about it for the day. Best fishing activity for fluke was in Shinnecock Bay. Weekday anglers are averaging 10 to 20 good sized keeper fluke per boat, with the weekend action somewhat slower due to increased boat traffic and competition for the fish. Best action has been occurring in Shinnecock Canal in front of the station. Some fluke have also been taken at the Coast Guard Station and in East Channel at Shinnecock Inlet. Good flounder fishing still being had in the basket area on a rising tide on worms.

Tony's Fishing Station reported that there are still plenty of flounder being taken in front of the station around buoys 18 and 20. The water is still cold, as evidenced by the fact that there are still a few small tommy cod being taken. Fluke fishing has only been so-so, with the top



Leonard Feldman, Barry Sherman, and Charlie Mehes, with 19 fluke taken on the outgoing tide around buoy 39 on sand eel and squid combos. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

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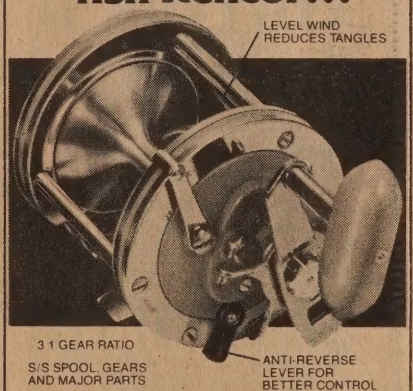

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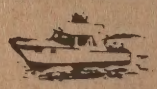

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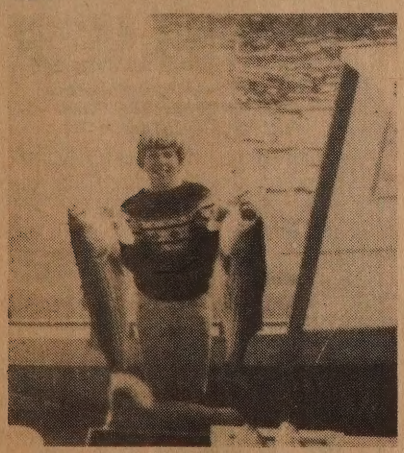
Jim Hand, Victor Guarino and Frank Geraci caught these 38 nice flounder off the Coast Guard Station in Hart's Cove on bloodworms. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

boat over the weekend taking 15 fish. Best action has been in East Channel and off the CG Station on any moving tide with sand eel or spearing or squid for bait. Virtually all of the fluke are keepers in the 2-3 lb. class.

MORICHES BAY

Silly Lily Fishing Station reports fishing was good during the week for fluke, with Joe Obermeier of Brooklyn boating 12 keeper fluke up to 3 lbs., at The Elbow t through buoy 36. On Friday, Lance Henel and wife from Kew Gardens had over 50 keeper flounder on worms fishing buoy 35, fish up to 1¼ lbs. Weekend fishing dropped off a bit due to the strong breezes.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports flounders are holding up well with many of the skiffs catching in the 50s from buoys 34 and 35. On Friday, Hank Schlanger from Mastic Beach caught 55 flatties in this location on worm and clam baits. Fluke are starting to show, ranging up to 2½ lbs. The top of the tide brought in small blues at buoy 36 and inside the inlet, which were hitting small artificials and fluke baits. They anticipate a very good fluke season as the water warms and also there are tons of sand eels to attract the fish.



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Charter boat **Seamist** had a charter from St. Luke's Hospital out on the weekend and they chummed blues to 17 lbs. fishing 135 degrees out in 140 ft. of water, plus a 95 lb. blue shark.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells us that Stein's Boat and Motor fishing team boated 2, 50 lb. blue sharks as their entry in Saturday's Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament. They also had 20 bluefish in the 15 lb. category. Vinnie tells us that his skiffs are getting more and more blowfish each week, fishing between Heckscher and Greenpoint. Boats fishing behind the dredges on weekdays are getting decent catches of weakfish and scattered bay blues, fishing strip baits. The channels off Ocean Beach are producing a few porgies, blacks and fluke. Heavy bluefishing was had on Thursday off Barrett Beach. Clay Hardman had 6, fishing Pointer Woods plus two weakfish in mid-afternoon. Bob Davidson fished Heckscher on Saturday and accounted for six blowfish, 5 bluefish, 2 weaks, 1 sea bass and 1 fluke on salty dogs with squid strip and also on sand eels.

Danny and Minnie Papaccio of Deer Park with weakfish from 5¾ to 9¾ lbs., taken one-quarter mile south of buoy 3 out of Heckscher State Park. Subscriber Club photo.

WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us that Ed Mossmann of NYC had 11 big weaks Sunday in the early morning, fishing Heckscher's Buoy 6, using squid tipped dogs and also clear Jelly Worms. H. Toledo, Julio Delgado and Mr. Guttierez fished 3 skiffs on Sunday from Ocean Beach toward Captree Bridge, corraling 22 weakfish on squid tipped salty dogs. Tony Corsello of Rosedale had 6 good fluke and 6 blues in the 4-6 lb. range, fishing buoy 29 in the middle of the bay.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports weaks at Heckscher's buoy 4 on sand worms and jelly worms. Ocean Beach and West Channel have also been producing weakfish. West Channel gave forth a 10 lb. 8

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oz. fluke and a 10 lb. fluke which fell to a white jelly worm. Fluke are also being taken west of the bridge, north of the Coast Guard Station and at Kismet. Some porgies on Kismet Reef, along with a few blackfish. There is a sprinkling of blowfish in the bay. Blues at Steamboat and West Channels in the early morning, best on sinking Rebels, tins and umbrellas. One striper was taken on an umbrella meant for bluefish. Carl has weighed in 10-12 lb. bluefish for the Amity Harbor Fishing Club which were taken in 120 ft. of water on umbrellas on Saturday.

The Casey Lee reports that the fluke is improving steadily, though the weekend's crowds were light. A few 5-10 lb. fluke have been seen with a 6-plus pound fish taking the pool everyday. Fish are averaging 1½ to 3 lbs., with very, very few shorts. The weekend saw 2 to 7 fluke per man. On Saturday, 12-year-old Michael Massa had 6 fluke with his two largest going 3½ to 6½ lbs. Charles Merino on Friday afternoon's weakfish trip bagged an 8¾ lb. fluke on a purple jelly worm. Best action is in West Channel, 15 minutes from the dock in calm water, away from heavy boat traffic. Best catches have been made on killies, spearing and sand eels. The afternoon weakfish trips have averaged 10-20 weaks per trip for the limited crowds, averaging 1-2 weakfish per man, with an occasional blue. The trip of Sunday night, June 18 will be the boat's last afternoon weakfish trip of the season.

CAPTREE

The charter boat **Lady Ann** reports that fluking has varied from day to day, being fair/good, anywhere from 50 to 100 fluke per day. Afternoon weakfish have slowed down and the blues have arrived offshore. It looks as though there will be a terrific bluefish season. The Robt. Moses bridge, Snake Hill Channel, West Channel and the lighthouse area have been best for fluke on sand eels, squid, killies.

The Captree Queen reports the fluke have been slow this past week, but with a few good days of 5-6 fluke per man average. Sand eels, killies and squid have been doing the job. The bridge area, State and Snake Hill Channels have been best. Catches vary from day to day and there is no pattern. Weakfishing was slow most of the week with the best nights seeing 12-18 weakfish decked, but with most nights fewer fish coming over the rail. Lots of small blues in the bay, roughly 15 to 20 per trip mixed in with the weaks, with all kinds of break-offs due to the light tackle being used. The boat will probably continue their afternoon weakfish trips through the end of the week as the tides are right, but may be fluking two trips come the weekend, so see the Captree Queen ad for phone numbers and call before coming down.

LIF subscriber Joe Lonegro of Smithtown called to tell us of an unusual catch he made on his brother-in-law's, Tom MacCallum's boat Wahoo III. Fishing around buoys 3 and 4 off Heckscher he caught a giant humpbacked sea bass of 6 lbs. 4 oz. that was 24 inches long and may possibly be a new New York State record. The fish, which took a fluke rig baited with squid, missed tying the world record by only 6 oz. Also included in their catch were 5 fluke, 4 bluefish, they caught casting salty dogs and 1 weakfish that took a Rebel.

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Augie's Bait and Tackle reports that the bluefishing is unbelievable, that 2-4 lb. bay blues are all over the bay. Big catches were made from the lighthouse to the inlet, Snake Hill Channel, just all over, including Heckscher, hitting everything—bait and artificials. Big blues have been taken offshore from 80 ft. on out on spoons umbrellas or tubes, all the old standards. Try jigging once you find the fish for a real thrill. The fluking has been erratic, with catches being made from the lighthouse to the inlet on sand eels and squid. Lots of blue shark reports, with nothing really big turning up. Jeff Hande took the Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament first place with a 140½ lb. blue shark, fishing out of Moriches Inlet in 165 ft. of water on the Jean-Marie. Weaks have dropped off by and large, with a major reason being the bluefish try to bite them. Your best bet for weaks is at night on the flats with rubber worms or at West Channel, Heckscher Park or Ocean Beach with squid or salty dogs, but nighttime is the key now. There are still flounders on worms and clam at the Sore Thumb and surf casters are getting weakfish at night along with blues

Charlie Miller with an 11 lb. 2 oz. fluke taken east of the Robert Moses Bridge on squid. Photo courtesy of Bait and Tackle Unlimited.

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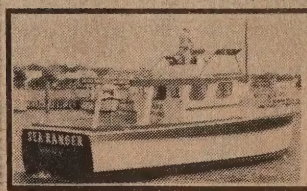
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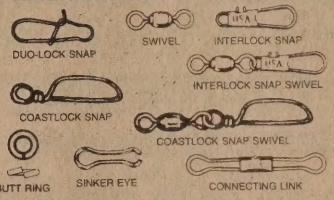

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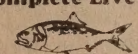
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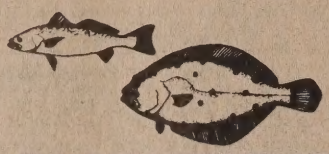

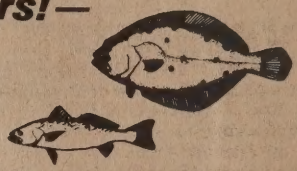

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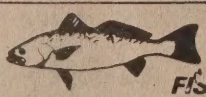

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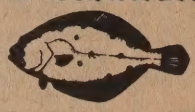

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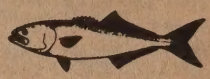

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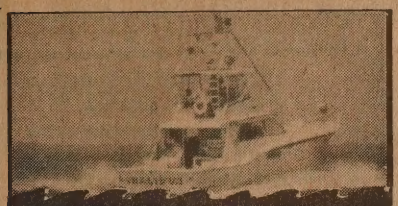

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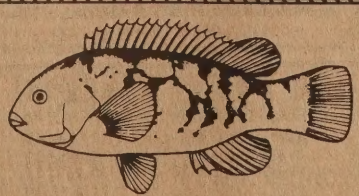

at the jetties.

Babylon Fishing Station reports good fluke catches in Snake Hill Channel on killie squid combos or on sand eels with incoming water best. On Wednesday, Ed Westfall took 5 fluke, fishing behind Houses Hotel, Ocean Beach on killie-squid combos. A scattering of blowfish on you name it. Bay blues all over the place, best on small Hopkins cast and retrieved. Weaks have slowed up, but can still be had at Ocean Beach on squid tipped dogs and also in the State Channel at the Babylon Cut. One customer weighed in 250 lbs. of bass, which he took early Sunday evening, trolling umbrellas or surge tubes offshore of the Sore Thumb, fish in the 18-22 lb. range. Big bluefish in big numbers in 70-150 ft. of water, fish 12-14 lbs., trolled and chummed. John Bauman caught a 150 lb. blue shark fishing 70 ft. of water Saturday and a 90 lb. blueshark was taken by Dick Yarkin on Saturday also. Watch where you're swimming, the sharks are here.

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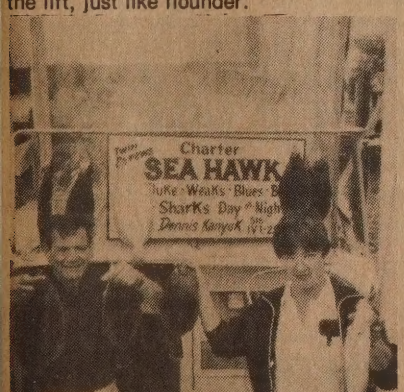
Capt. Spider on the **Aloma II** tells us excellent fluking at Debs Inlet just 25 minutes from Jones Inlet. He's also fishing off Reis Park and the weekends average was 5 to 15 keeper fluke. Fish went up to 3 lbs. and wanted sand eels only. Spider says these are ocean fish and that he's staying with them since fluking is very slow in the bay. He had good results Wed. just outside Jones Inlet.

Charter boat **Ivory Queen** called that 30 good keeper fluke were taken at the CG Station and in the inlet up to 3 lbs. on Sun., with best action in the late afternoon on the ebb on sand eels and squid. They had bluefish Saturday in 60 ft. of water on red and green tubes, fish up to 9 lbs.

The Starstream II reports very good fishing most days on sea bass and big ling, with occasional big blues and big cod thrown in to make it interesting. One day this past week they had 4 cod up to 10 lbs. as a bonus. Ritchie is fishing wrecks, rocks and reefs and says that all fares are having a great time and enjoying very good catches.

Charter boat **Nite Owl II** has two big tile trips just scheduled for July 3 and July 31. There is also a big cod wreck trip planned for July 17. These are sure to book fast, so reserve early. See the Nite Owl Ad and the number there and in the Freeport Boatmen's Association ad.

Charter boat **Blue Fin II** called to tell us that Fri., Sat., and Sun. saw three good local fluke charters, best results in Loop Channel and the inlet area and within a half mile offshore of the inlet. Fluke ran to 4 lbs. on sand eels and strip bait. 17 sea bass were a bonus on Sun., drifting over a small pieces, fish up to 1½ lbs. The fluke had muddy bellies and were not walloping baits. They were caught on both tides, on the lift, just like flounder.



Shown here are Art Goldstein and Gary Bergmann with some of the fluke up to 4 lbs., and flounder taken on sand eels and squid at Jones Inlet aboard the "Sea Hawk."

Freeport Boatmen's Association tells us that all of their boats were chartered for fluke over the weekend and they did a respectable job fishing just outside Jones Inlet, all the way through Debs Inlet, all on sand eels and squid. One boat went for fluke on the red side of Ambrose and did well also. Saturday's fishing was better than Sunday's.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports their boats are getting fluke in the State Channel, Swift Creek and off the CG Station with a 3½ lber. weighed in on Sunday, taken off the CG Station on squid and killies. Flounders are still a good bet near the houses and by the Loop Bridge at Swift Creek. Blacks have been spotty at the Meadow Brook Bridge, pilings and rocks.

Hook, Line & Sinker Bait and Tackle tells of bluefish at Cholera close to the surface in the 12-14 lb. range on Sunday. Flounder off the Jones Beach Piers, Swift and Long Creeks, with some blacks at the bridge, plus big bass. Andy Diermer and Lou Romeo bagged a 46 and a 48 lb. striper fishing in State Channel west of Gilgo on baby blackfish in the early morning hours. Fluke are a good try from the CG Station through the mouth of the inlet.

Charter boat **Apus** called to say that Saturday's charter of Highway Tavern, Hicksville had slow fluking in the morning, so they switched to blues and had good action trolling in 70 ft. of water, SE of the inlet, for fish 4-13 lbs. Sunday's charter from the Bay Bowl, Port Washington had good blues in the morning hours, while Capt. Mike brought them back inside for flounder and blackfish in the afternoon at the MeadowBrook Bridge.

The Capt. Lou II reports good fluking all week, though the weekend slowed down a bit. Mike says all fares had fish. Best catches have been made at the mouth of the inlet, fish going up to 4 lbs.

The Capt. Hall reports fluke catches have been up and down all week. Bob Potts of Indiana and two relations bagged 18 good keeper fluke, which you just can't catch no way in Indiana. Saturday was slower, but Sunday action picked up again and all hands caught, high hook being 10 fluke, mixed sizes. Fishing is being done in the inlet and outside for bigger fish, in the 2-3 lb. range, on sand eels and squid.

Charter Boat **Sea Hawk** called and told us he fished his small skiff on an outgoing water in Cinder Creek and caught and released lots of short fluke, then fished the Meadow Brook Bridge area for good catches of flounder. On Saturday, the charter for Mr. Goldstein and Gary Bergmann saw them taking blues on trolled black umbrellas on anywhere from 100 to 300 ft. of wire, fish up to 12 lbs., including one triple-header, then topping off the day with flounder at the Meadow Brook Bridge on clam. Sunday Dennis was exploring in his small skiff again, this time fluking in Cinder Creek and the hole in Middle Bay. Sunday fish were mostly keepers on sand eels and squid and on salty dogs and sand eels. Dennis asked us to announce that he has still Fourth of July weekend dates open for fishing or cruising.

Charter boat **Acme II** tells us that on Wed. the Foreign Commerce CLub charted six of the Association boats (Frank Fills arranged the charter) and all hands zapped the fluke two miles off Jones in the fog, which was the first good day of ocean fluking of the year. The pool fish was taken on the Acme II, a fish over 4 lbs. This fish was taken by Rudy Rabstejnekp. For 3 out of the last 4 years, the pool fish was taken on Acme II for this same chartering group.

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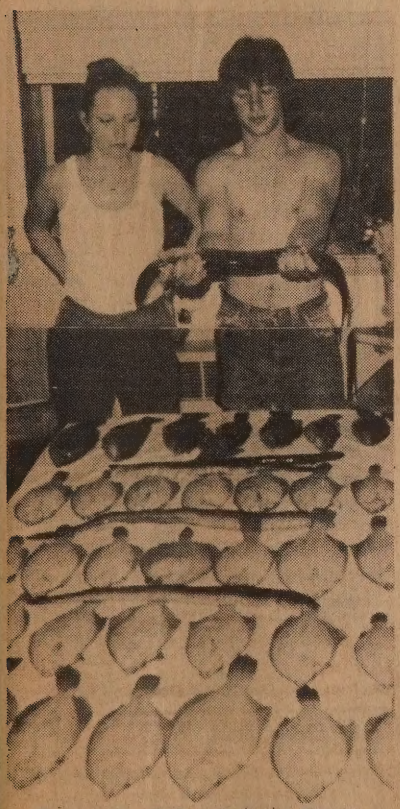
Stephen Weitzen, Joe Carter, along with Richie Shulman went shark fishing southeast of Jones Inlet in 120 ft. of water. They could not keep bait in slick due to bluefish hitting them. They ended up with no blue shark, but had about 20 bluefish up to 12 lbs.

Capt. Joe Long of the Freeport charter boat **Nite Owl** tells us that 22 blues to 11 lbs. were taken on mackerel chunks for Karen and Jim Barry, Tom Gurin, Karen Waszo, Barbara and Bob Traver on Saturday's wreck trip. Sunday's charter to the HA buoy saw 39 bluefish up to 12 lbs., taken by Al Berko, Walt Spencer, George Nichols, Reg Laite and Roger Skibenes. All fish were caught on mackerel chunks. Walt and Roger are names recognized as WOR news commentators.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Marina reports that some nice fluke are being taken off the CG Station, in Jones Inlet and at the Loop Bridge on killies and sand eels. Ed Rheinfleisher took a 13 lb. fluke trolling with a small bunker in Jones Inlet. Blackfish are being taken at the T Wreck from 3-4 lbs. on fiddlers. Flounder can still be found in the flats and are being taken up to 1½ lbs. on worms.

Ed's Fishing Station reports good fluke fishing in Reynold's Channel and in the flats. Walt Stevens and Bruno Grabiec took 24 fluke to 5 lbs. trolling in Middle Bay with spearing and sand eels. Flounder can still be found in abundance at buoy 15, Jones Inlet and off the Shore Beach Coast Guard Station. These fish are averaging 1 lb. and are taking worms.



David Kamiel and Anne Marie Fessler with their catch of 27 flounder, 4 eels and 7 blackfish taken off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club aboard a rental boat from Henning's Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach.

Blackfish averaging 2 lbs. are being taken on fiddler crabs at the Jones Inlet jetties, a at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges. On Sunday, big bluefish from 10 to 14 lbs. were being taken offshore southwest of the inlet in 135 ft. of water on mackerel and bunker chunks and plenty of chum.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Bill of the **Gennie May** reported having good fluking locally off Reis Park and in Debs Inlet. These were mostly keepers up to 3 lbs on sand eels, squid and strip baits.

Beckmann's Tackle reports good fluke fishing in Debs Inlet, Reis Park and in Ambrose Channel. These fish are 90 percent keepers and are taking sand eels, squid and spearing. Combos are doing the best job. Fiddlers are doing a good job on the blackfish at the bridges. Flounder are still in the area and all you have to do is find a good flounder spot and chum heavily and a nice mess of fish will be taken.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** says he hates to say it, but this looks to him like the worst year for striped bass in 30 years, and that it has gone from bad to obnoxious. Ron says that the top 5 boats from New York to Jersey have had only 5 bass among them this past week and if not

Jerry Campion, Burt Shulman and Richard Besthoff with 200 lbs. of bluefish from 8 to 15 lbs., taken on Lupo Baby Bunker Spoons at Norton's Point aboard the "Kim."

for bluefish, he'd be fluking. The surf fishing from Long Beach to Rockaway has been fair on 30-50 lb. bass on cut bait and bunker. There doesn't seem to be any bait

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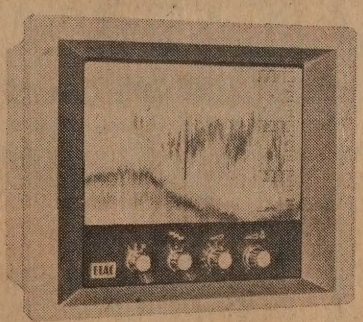

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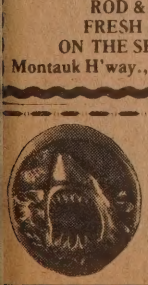
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on the outside, says Ronnie and stripers are on the inside at the jetties feeding on crabs. There is a fair pick inside in the bays and under the bridges on bunker and small blackfish. Any bunker which are around are inside the bays and canal. Sun. there were blues at the Tin Can and big blues at Norton's Pt., and these are the Kim's target now, fish 12-18 lbs. which he has been getting on the Lupo Baby Bunker Spoons. A few bass were taken at Breezy

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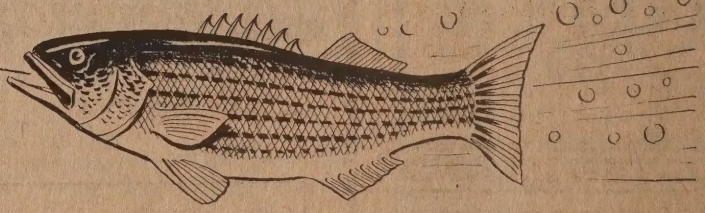

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Pt., from teen size to fish in the 20s. This was at mid-week for just about a half hour per day and only the super pros from Sheepshead got them.

Henning's Fishing Station reports that luke up to 4-5 lbs. are taking sand eels, quid and spearing in East Rockaway Inlet nd at buoys 1, 3 and 5 in Reynold's Channel. The blackfishing fell off a little, ut fish from 2-5 lbs. can still be taken at he bridges and at Silver Point on fiddlers. y Reuben tells us of two 35 lb. bass being aken at the jetty at the Lawrence Beach Club on bunker chunks.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Dorothy B reports fantastic fluking or several days mid-week but things dropped off on the weekend, due to the iver-abundance of private boats that nterfered with effective drifting. Dennis as been working Ambrose Channel and he Rockaways and he has had blues nixed in with the fluke.

Elsie k iii reports a great string of days nid-week fluking, but slower on the veekend due to the mosquito fleet not llowing good drift patterns to be set up.

Capt. Walter on the **Flamingo III** eports that he has been having good atches of sea bass and ling fishing the Seabright area, sea bass up to 4 lbs. Real ood fishing, says the captain and some blackfish mixed in and catches better than his time last year. He says he will start bluefishing within 2 weeks. Meanwhile, bottom action continues good.

Capt. Buch of the **Zephyr** reports good to excellent sea bass action, and on Sun. several 6-7 lb. blackfish mixed in to the tune of 2-4 per man, with ling mixed in to 2½ lbs. This action was at Seabright and on other NJ rocks and an odd porgy or two was also bailed. Butch hopes to start steady porgy fishing in about 2 weeks.

The Pilot II reports very good blackfishing on some of his favorite NJ grounds, with fares filling their pails and sacks.

Sal at **Stellas Maris Bait and Tackle** tells of the Breezy Pt. jetty producing fluke on squid and killies, blues on anything you might care to toss out and flounder on clam and worm. Norton's Pt. is producing fluke on sand eels and killies and bluefish on trolled umbrellas, tubes and bunker spoons. A few bass under the Marine Pkwy. Bridge on worms and clam. Blacks and sea bass at the L.I. and jetty wrecks and Seabright with flounders on clam and worms off the Silver Hole jetty.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that bluefish from 3-10 lbs. can be found at Ft. Wadsworth, Great Kills Park, Annadale Beach and in Great Kills Harbor. These fish are taking bait and artificials. Striper activity has picked up and more and more bass are being taken while bluefishing. Bob Roberts fished Ft. Wadsworth for bluefish and took a 29½ lb. striped bass on a Danny swimmer. Penny Beach and Cliff Street are still producing some nice bass. Blackfish can be found in the rocky areas and this action has been steady.

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The racoon at **Charley's Bait and Tackle** reports that the bluefish are presently like fleas on a dog from the inlet to the lighthouse on umbrellas, salty dogs, plugs, tins, and anything else you might have. These fish are 3-5 pounders, with a few alligators mixed in. Weakfish slowing down now considerably, but still a few on the Heckscher flats in Ocean Beach on sand worms, squid, and rubber worms. Flounders still available at the Sore Thumb on worms and clam. Fluking is getting stronger from the lighthouse up to the CG station on sand eels, squid or killies. Blacks on fiddlers at the artificial reef is a good bet, along with a few blue claws. A few stripers have been trolled on umbrellas off the old CG Station in 40-50 ft. of water.

Capt. John of the **Sea Horse** tells us fluking picked up Sat. and Sun., primarily in the State Channel on killies and squid and that a lot of short fish showed up. The action was a lot more steady, however, so all fares managed a few keepers for the dinner table. A definite upswing here.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait & tackle reports blues, blues, blues, with 140 for one surfcaster at Democrat Point up to 7 lbs. The bays are loaded from Unqua Point to the inlet, in both deep and shallow water. A few big bass have been taken on bait, also at Democrat Point. Still some weaks at Ocean Beach on Jelly Worms and sand worms. White Pussycats, Hopkins and Rebels, along with small coppers are accounting for bluefish. Some 3-4 lb. fluke have been picked up at the sand bar at the Meadow Brook Bridge. Some blowfish taken from the shore at Copiague Beach. A 33-lb. channel bass was taken at Fire Island Inlet by an unnamed angler, who cast out a Rebel plug from his boat in hopes of a bluefish on Friday. Skillfully working 8 lb. test line, the lure which snagged this creature by the gill accounted for one of the few channel bass caught this far north.

Bait and Tackle Unlimited reports good fluking from the inlet to the lighthouse on squid, sand eels and live killies, while weaks are still to be had in slightly fewer numbers at Ocean Beach and Heckscher. Blues all over the bay, from 3-5 lbs., with bigger ones at the inlet. On Sun., Frank Lopresti landed blues in the inlet up to 9 lbs. They are hungry and taking almost anything. Blacks on the reef running 2-4 lbs. on sand worms and green crabs.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells us about Bill Zinck of Amityville, who bagged a 6 lb. 12 oz. fluke on Mon. morning at Fire Island Inlet's West Bar. George also

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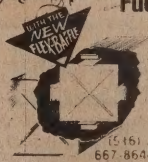

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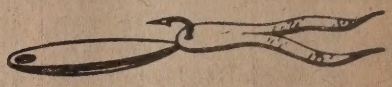

Editor's Head: DRAG'S THE THING

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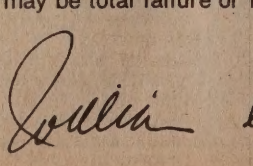
problem (how can a forty pound bass be a problem?). For smaller fish, it may be advisable to pick up the line and press it against the fore-grip of the spinning rod.

It's amazing how much punishment quality tackle can take, but the one abuse that they tolerate least is neglect. Drags should be cleaned and lubricated regularly and the drag control knob should be loosened significantly before we store the reel after a fishing trip. Drag mechanisms are based upon a pressure principle. Pressure is applied to the spool by means of washers, discs, or pressure plates. These discs, etc., will tend to warp when the pressure is left tight for too long a time. The result of a warped mechanism may be total failure or inconsistent pressure and a lost trophy.



weighed in a 9 lb. fluke taken from the same area. Not a lot of fluke, but the ones being caught are big. West Island is also producing and the baits are spearing or killie-squid combos on the flood. A 24 lb. 6 oz. striper was weighed in on Sat., taken by J. Lev of the Squadron Anglers on a green umbrellas at the Rhoda Wreck. A few 20-30 lb. bass have been taken in the State Channel, on bunker or eels, from Tobay to Zachs Bay. Stripers are definitely picking up as additional bass have been taken on umbrellas and live bait off Lido in 25-30 ft. of water. Weakfish on Jelly Worms in red, purple or white drifted on the bottom at Heckscher for this species. Blacks on fiddlers at the bridges. Loads of 2-4 lb. blues being trolled in the State Channel on small umbrellas with white and purple tubes from Gilgo to Zachs Bay, working these contraptions just off the bottom and accounting for an occasional bass and weak as well, all in the early morning hours only.

SEAFORD

Bob at **Naomi Inn Fishing Station** tells us that Leroy Frances and Jeff Lee on their boat Sunshine, which docks at Naomi Inn fished up 2 dozen keeper fluke in Sloop Channel on killies Sat. The station's rental skiffs are going out to Sloop Channel between the bridge and the piers and working on fluke there.

Shore Isle Marina reports loads of 7-9 lb. blues in 65 ft. of water on umbrellas for one of the boats docked there. Fluke in the area of the Jones Beach piers for their rental skiffs on live killies.

MERRICK

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** tells of stripers being caught in 40-50 ft. of water, trolled off Lido on surge tube and umbrellas rigs with bluefish mixed in when you hit the 70 ft. mark. Bass taken are in the 30-40 lb. category. Stripers on bunker on the inside in the evening time in the inlet area. Roy knows of 3 bass up to 40 lbs. caught this week. Fluking is lukewarm in Swift Creek, Short Beach on squid and sand eels. Weakfishing spotty to the east.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports broad Creek best this past week for flounder up to 1½ lbs, with Swift Creek next best for flounder on worms. Sun. saw fluke in Ned's Creek very early in the day on the last of the ebb. A 19 lb. 8 oz. striper was clam chummed by Bellmore angler George Zipper at either the Wantagh Bridge or in the State Channel. Blues very good offshore, with a 20 and 22 pounder taken in 60 ft. of water south of the Tower or tubes or umbrellas.

Paul Meslin, age 7, of Dix Hills, caught this 8 lb. 4 oz. weakfish in the South Race on a bucktail with squid. Subscriber Club photo.

William Mills of Southold holds a nice sized weakfish of 13 lbs. 14 oz. The fish was taken at buoy 17 on a pink Salty Dog and squid. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

BALDWIN

Arthur St. Marina reports still good catches of flounder being made in Swift Creek, 60 fish for one of his skiffs on Sat., with a few fluke and flounder in Middle Bay. On Sun., George Zipper brought in a 19 lb. bass taken on clam chum, a 2 lb. 8 oz. fluke and an 8 lb. weakfish. George is the leader in the Arthur St. fishing contest for the categories of fluke, weak and stripers. Art Petrone leads with a 8½ lb. bluefish in that category. Six blue claw crabs for one boat in Middle Bay.

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action. Lots of blues around and some are caught on every trip. This is all near Jessup's. Porgies, blacks and flounders at Orient and he expects porgies to be strong on the weekend.

A. P. White Bait Shop reports that weakfish were taken over the weekend in the flats of Peconic and at the windmills. Weakfish, flounder and porgies can be found east of Gardiner's Island. Three to five lb. blackfish are taking fiddlers and sand worms in the rocky areas along the Sound. Bass from 20 to 25 lbs. have been hitting bucktails in the evening at Plum Gut.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported the fishing was a little on the slow side over the weekend because of the windy weather. Those who stuck it out did get porgies at buoy 17. Weakfish have slacked off some, but there were still some fish caught. Fluke fishing is a matter of catching strays. There's a blackfish or two off the Brickyard, but it's much the same story as the fluke. Still some flounders off Long Beach and the Ferry Site. Small blues keep popping up around buoy 17.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that weakfish and porgy activity slowed down from past weeks. The high hook this week took 27 weakfish, fishing at buoy 28 with bait on the bottom. White Mr. Twisters have also been doing well. Buoy 18 has been producing weakfish and porgies.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center reported some weaks taken last week in the South Race. Warren has made up a white tube lure that outfished the Jelly Worms by 3 to 1 on a trip last Thursday. There's also some fish in the Cow Yard, across the bay from Jamesport. Biggest weak of the week was 12 lbs. 4 oz., brought in last Sunday. Fellows floating worms on the Sound side are picking up a few bass. Blues are being trolled up on Rebels in the evening off Laurel Beach. One customer's son fought a blue shark for over an hour on a spinning outfit, but unfortunately, the fish broke off. That action was offshore.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that the blackfish are doing well in the rocky areas. Plenty of fish averaging 2-4 lbs. and up to 10 lbs. have been taken. On Saturday, Joe from the Charlie III fished northeast of buoy 9 in 30-50 ft. of water and took 14 bluefish up to 9 lbs. Blues took all black umbrellas trolled on wire line. Small bluefish and weaks have been taken here and there at Mt. Misery Shoals. Some fluke are being taken and action should pick up at any time, same for the porgies. Bass up to 8 lbs. are being taken east of Wading River on sand eel jigs, RedFins and Rebels. This fishing is being done at night.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reports fishing continues to be good in and around Noyac Bay, with a lot of large weaks being caught. More and more blues are showing up and porgies are starting to show. Call Noyac Marina if more details are needed.

Speck's Bait and Tackle porgies at Peconic's buoy 18, 6 to a dozen per person on clam. Weakfish has become spotty but a few have been trolled deep with Umbrellas at South Race and Jessup's. Lots of bird activity. Blues have also been hitting those deep trolled umbrellas. Fluke have picked up nicely in Shinnecock Bay with lots of keepers on squid, sand eels and combos. In Moriches a skin diver speared 9 bass. No further details.

SAG HARBOR

Chris at **Bay View Fishing Station** reports porgies very good at Calley's Point and Majors Harbor on worms and clam. Blues very good at the west end of the ferry and buoy 15 on trolled bucktails, umbrellas and on drifted squid. Four blues are being taken to every weakfish with an occasional fluke mixed in on the bucktail.

EAST HAMPTON

Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station tells us that they had the first fluke show up this weekend. It was caught by Barney Olson and hit the scale at 7½ lbs, and was caught at buoy 6 at Cedar Point. They also had the first good run of porgies at Cedar Point, each boat averaging a half bushel of porgies, fish running up to 2¼ lbs., taken on clam and worm.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ BLACKFISH

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The Town of Brookhaven surf fishing contest will be held Sat., June 17, from 6AM to 11 AM at Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai Harbor. There will be a Jr. and Sr. Division (Srs., 17 and over), sponsored by the Brookhaven Sportfishermen's Club. Just show up and bring your gear to enter or call 516-736-2467 and ask for Sandy Maggio.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that blackfish are being taken off Miller Place up to 9 lbs. on fiddlers and fresh skimmers. School bluefish of 4-5 lbs., are being umbrella-rigged out at buoy 9. Some porgies are being taken straight out of the harbor.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported Joe Longo picked up a 10 lb. blackfish while fishing for weaks. Frank and Joe Orlando and John Maione caught 26 weaks and 11 blues both jigging and trolling at buoy 11. Steve Poulos had 49 blues trolling at buoy 9. Blackfishing was erratic, but some porgies showed up over the weekend. The erratic bottom fishing might be due to the blue presence.

Port Jeff Ace reports good blackfish all week long, with a lot of porgies, blacks and weaks all on outgoing on mussel chum and mussel and clam baits. Sea bass are mixed in here as well, all off Sound Beach.

Charter boat **Albatross** on Sat. had St. Anthony's High School, Smithtown, out and they enjoyed good catches of blackfish. Brother Harold took the pool with a 10 lb. black taken on mussel and worm bait. We think that pool fish was the answer to his prayers.

The Betty W reports that blackfishing remains steady with porgy action increasing. On Wednesday's trip, Richie Williams of Westchester took the pool with a 13 lb. 4 oz. black. Fishing slowed a bit on the weekend. On Sunday evening's charter, Charlie Miller and party of McAllister Motors took 48 nice blackfish up to 10 lbs. The boat is chartered on Sat., June 17th.

KINGS PARK

Mae's Way Fishing Station reports some wild action this week on bluefish and weakfish everywhere from the Lilco plant in Northport to Mt. Misery Shoal off Port Jeff. Bottom fishing for porgies and blacks was fair, with an occasional weakfish surprise for the bait fishermen. Sat., Ted Kazimeroff took 42 blues, 4-10 lbs., off Callahan's Beach on homemade tube lures on 8 lb. test line. Sal DelGiante and friends caught 23 porgies and 10 big blacks at Callahan's on worms and skimmers.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reported some good blackfishing over the weekend at Target Rock and Can 13. Fiddler crabs or worms are working. Weaks are moving around between Callahan's and Lloyd's neck on the outside and buoy 6 and Duck Island inside the harbor. Most boats had one to two fish per trip. The Jelly Worm is the hot items for weaks. Blues are going up to 5 lbs.—no numbers—and taking tubes. Some surfcasters got some small blues in the evening on on poppers. On a couple evenings last week, school bass were caught at the mouth of the freshwater creek at Crab Meadow. Fluke are off Can 13 a little to the west. Not a lot of these fish as of this report. Flounders are done and macks are gone. Last Sunday, there was a big school of bunker right off the Town Dock.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Tackle Shop reported a good number of weaks off Lloyd's Pt. on a variety of cast lures, drifting worms or trolling umbrella rigs. Biggest fish was 9 lbs. 6 oz. Last Sunday morning there was a school of 2 to 5 lb. blues inside Cold Spring Harbor. A couple fluke brought in last week. Karl Fuasro weighed in the biggest bass of last week, a 27 pounder taken trolling worms off Marshall Field. Some big porgies between Sand City and Target Rock.

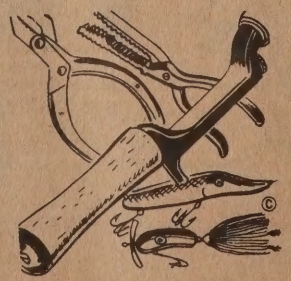
Ronnie's Bait & Tackle reports some good catches of weakfish this week at Lloy's Point drifting sand worms and casting Tri-Fin eel worms. Norm Van Deinse and rank Bukowy had 4 weaks on Sunday to 8 lbs., using Rebels. These were caught out of Huntington.

Small bluefish from 2½-5 lbs. appeared on top Sunday morning at Cold Spring Harbor and were taking surface plugs. Blues at the Lilco outflow, also taking surface plugs. Paul Mayr had a 5 lb. fluke caught at the mouth of Lloyd's Harbor.

Sporadic catches of bass at Lloyd's Point, Target Rock and Eaton's Neck. Most fish were in the 5 lb. class. Blackfish and porgies are both good at Morris Rock and Eaton's Neck.

Capt. Don of the **Ever Ready** is now concentrating on half-day runs on Sat., Sun., and Wed., from 8 AM to 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome. After school is out, around June 28, will start the daily operation. Harry Smith of Huntington Station had the largest flounder weighing 1¼ lbs., this weekend. Michael and David Blum had a blackfish weighing nearly 4 lbs. Largest black was caught by Michael Emanuel, fishing weighing 4½ lbs.

Morning Time Marina reports that blackfish are being taken up to 6 lbs., out at Target Rock. These fish have a preference for worms over the fiddler crabs. Flounder can still be taken in Floyd Harbor, but are smaller in size and fewer in number. Porgy action started up over the weekend and fish from ¾ to 1¼ lbs. were taking clams and worms.



NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLACKFISH

BAYVILLE

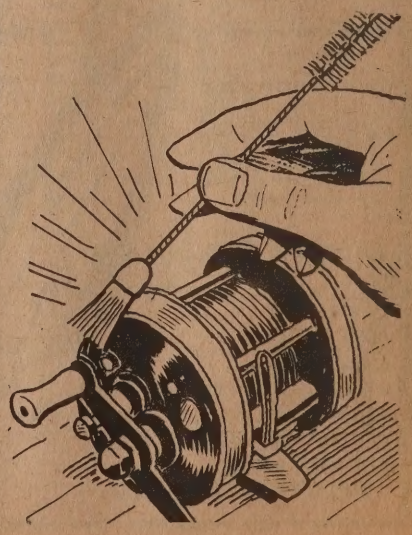
Norm's Bait and Tackle reports a very good showing of blackfish over the weekend. Hotspots were at the Center Island reef and out at Whitewood Point. Porgies are also being taken in these areas. Bluefish from 4-5 lbs. are being taken on umbrella rigs at Lloyd's Neck. Weakfish up to 7-9 lbs. are taking worms and assorted rubber shrimp at Lloyd's Neck, Center Island reef, Cooper's Bluff and at the Seawanhakee Yacht Club. Surf fisherman are taking blackfish off the Center Island Reef.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported macks taken over the weekend, but it looks like they are on their way out. Porgies were taken further up the Sound and a few scattered ones were taken locally. Some good size blackfish at Hart's Island. Fish the north end of the Island on the incoming tide and the south end on the outgoing. A charter boat out of New Rochelle picked up a bluefish while mackerel chumming last Sunday. School bass up to 5 lbs. in the area.

WESTERN L.I. SOUND

Capt. Steve Berlin of the **Claire II** sailing from the World's Fair Marina reports very good flounder action on worms with blackfishing improving steadily as have the porgies, fishing Center Island to Eaton's Point. Capt. Howard Berlin of the **Super Claire** at the Bronx River is fishing from Westport, Conn., and points east, getting very big flounder and occasional large blackfish. Capt. Edwin Berlin of the **Claire** also from the Bronx River is murdering the mackerel everyday fishing near his home port and is back at the dock at 2 PM.



HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	3:03	3:57	4:05	4:50	3:30	4:25	5:07	5:40	6:29	7:01	6:44	7:13	3:30	4:02	6/15
FRI	4:08	4:54	5:03	5:41	4:34	5:25	6:00	6:28	7:28	7:59	7:41	8:08	4:25	4:54	6/16
SAT	5:12	5:53	6:00	6:33	5:45	6:21	6:54	7:17	8:31	8:57	8:37	9:01	5:18	5:48	6/17
SUN	6:12	6:45	6:54	7:23	6:47	7:14	7:46	8:05	9:31	9:53	9:33	9:54	6:12	6:37	6/18
MON	7:09	7:35	7:47	8:16	7:44	8:05	8:37	8:54	10:30	10:48	10:29	10:47	7:04	7:28	6/19
TUE	8:01	8:25	8:40	9:06	8:36	8:55	9:29	9:45	11:26	11:41	11:22	11:40	7:56	8:19	6/20
WED	8:53	9:16	9:33	9:57	9:30	9:50	10:22	10:37	—	12:21	—	12:15	8:47	9:10	6/21
THUR	9:46	10:07	10:28	10:51	10:27	10:44	11:16	11:30	12:37	1:17	12:33	1:09	9:39	10:03	6/22

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet..... —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

6/5	5:25	8:32
6/10	5:24	8:35
6/15	5:24	8:37
6/20	5:24	8:39
6/25	5:25	8:40
6/30	5:27	8:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/5	6/13	6/20	6/27

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	**Major**	Minor	**Major**
Thurs.	12:25	**6:55**	12:50	**7:20**
Fri.	1:10	**7:40**	1:35	**8:05**
Sat.	1:50	**8:25**	2:20	**8:55**
Sun.	2:35	**9:20**	3:10	**9:45**
Mon.	3:30	**10:10**	4:00	**10:40**
Tues.	4:20	**11:10**	4:55	**11:40**
Wed.	5:20	—	5:55	**12:10**
Thurs.	6:20	**12:45**	7:00	**1:20**

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